

West's relationship with new Iran holds key to future releases



Rafsanjani: trying to improve Iran's image

THE release of John McCarthy yesterday is, by all accounts, the beginning of the end of the ordeal of the Western hostages in Lebanon. A very bumpy road still lies ahead, however, for the remaining 11, who include two Britons.

The dominant faction within the Iranian theocracy wants the saga ended and forgotten as soon as possible. President Rafsanjani hopes to pay a series of state visits to the West this year to symbolise Iran's "return to civilisation".

Mr Rafsanjani has also understood the message that the Bush administration has been trying to convey: Iran will not enjoy normal trade and diplomatic relations as long as the hostages are not released.

The Western hostages were seized when Ayatollah Khomeini wanted to export his revolution and frighten the West out of the Middle East. Now prospects for the spread of the Islamic revolution appear dim and the West is back in the region in full force. The American "Great Satan" is,

in fact, the dominant power in the Middle East today. It is Iran that is excluded from talks on security in the Gulf and peace in the Middle East as a whole.

For the Islamic republic to be given a role in these exciting times it has to shed its image of "a nation supporting international terrorism". Mr Rafsanjani is determined to do that. Logically, the hostages should all be set free.

The Iranian leader began working for their release in 1988. It took him a long time to dialogue the original hardline leadership of Hezbollah (Party of God), the Lebanese movement that includes the kidnapping clans. A new leadership close to Mr Rafsanjani's faction in Tehran was installed last spring. He might have succeeded earlier had it not been for the Gulf conflict.

Iran still insists, however, on a gesture of appreciation, especially from the United States. This could come in the form of removing the American veto on the sale of certain non-military

The prospects of the Islamic revolution spreading appear to be subsiding as Tehran tries to improve its image, but Amir Taheri reports that the route to the other hostages' freedom is strewn with obstacles

equipment by West European countries to Iran. Syria, the other country with influence in Lebanon and thus capable of exerting pressure on the kidnappers, has received many such gestures from Washington. President Assad has been given a free hand to tighten his stranglehold on Lebanon. Now he is a privileged partner in the Baker peace plan. Iran has received nothing but snubs.

This year President Bush insisted that Iran's name should remain on the list of "nations supporting international terrorism" for another year — although there have been no Iranian-sponsored attacks on American interests since summer 1988.

But giving Iran a pat on the

back will not be enough to free the remaining hostages. The new leadership of the Hezbollah is not yet fully in control and it needs at least a pat on its own shoulder too. This could come in the form of the release by Israel of some of the 470 Lebanese Shia Muslims and Palestinians held in Israel. The release of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid could be a great help to the party's new leaders.

There are further complications regarding the two German hostages and the sole Italian. The Hezbollah wants the German government to release or at least reduce the sentence of two Lebanese terrorists now in German jails. The Bonn authorities are not opposed to a deal in principle, but

Washington is against any concessions on that score.

Similarly, Italy holds at least six members of the Hezbollah in its jails. If the new party leadership, backed by Mr Rafsanjani, can obtain the release of at least some of those held in Germany and Italy, its prestige would soar among Lebanon's Shias.

There is one far more complicated problem. The Hezbollah wants guaranteed immunity from prosecution or assassination after all the hostages have been released. Such a guarantee must come from the United States, Britain, Germany and Italy — whose citizens are captive in Lebanon.

The kidnappers are all known to Western and Israeli intelligence. They are afraid of being murdered by Western or Israeli hit squads after all the hostages have gone home.

The least that they could fear is to have their names put on an international blacklist. This would put them in the same

category as other terrorists such as Abu Nidal and Abu Abbas who dare not travel to any country where the West might be able to catch them.

In the previous hostage release agreements — with the American and French governments — these guarantees were issued through Iran, which officially negotiated on the behalf of the kidnappers. Now Iran no longer wants to be involved in such negotiations and tries to foster the fiction that it exerts only "humanitarian influence" on the hostage-holders.

The required guarantee is, therefore, being sought through the United Nations secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuellar. He is in no position to offer such a guarantee himself, but he can pass on the message.

Will the Western governments be prepared to forget and forgive and allow established criminals to enjoy judicial immunity? When all is said and done the central question is what should the West do about recent changes in Iran?

ISRAEL'S REACTION

Jerusalem stands firm on call for swap of servicemen

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL insisted yesterday that it will not give in to demands that it frees hundreds of Lebanese Shia Muslim captives, whose freedom could clinch the release of the remaining Western hostages in Beirut, unless captured Israeli servicemen are also included in the swap.

Israel, which could emerge as the key to the release of further Western kidnap victims in Lebanon, said it welcomed the freedom of John McCarthy but emphasised that its interests remained the return of six soldiers and one airman still missing in Lebanon.

"There is no indication that this process includes our soldiers," Uri Lubrani, Israel's co-ordinator in Lebanon, said. "But we obviously welcome any kind of release like this because we hope it signals the start of a dynamic which could

bring our boys home." However, in remarks, which are likely to anger Western governments with nationals being held hostage, Mr Lubrani said: "Our stance is firm and we will not budge on it."

"We will not be willing to free anyone that is under our control until we are convinced that our soldiers would be included in such a deal."

When he was released yesterday, Mr McCarthy said he was carrying a letter to be delivered to Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN secretary-general, which called for the release of an estimated 400 prisoners, mostly Shia Lebanese militiamen, from south Lebanon. Most are held by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia at a prison near the village of Khiam near the Israeli border, but a few dozen more important figures, including Hezbollah chief Sheikh

Abdel Karim Obeid, are imprisoned in Israel.

In spite of repeated calls by the international community, Israel has refused to free any of the captives, most of whom are being held as hostages to be used in human trade. One Israeli official said: "It is very ugly and harsh when you begin trading in human lives, but that is the only way we can ever hope of getting our people back."

The Israeli ministry of defence, which conceded that possibly only one or two of its men were still alive, said that it was prepared to bargain but first wanted the International Committee of the Red Cross to be granted access to the servicemen.

"Following that, Israel will be ready to conduct negotiations on the release of Lebanese prisoners under its authority in return for the captured and missing Israeli soldiers," a spokesman said.

Of the seven Israelis missing one Druze soldier, Samir Assad, is thought to have died in captivity. Three of the men disappeared during a tank battle in 1982 and have not been heard of since. Two riflemen, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh, were captured in a Hezbollah ambush in 1985, although at least one of them was known to have been badly wounded. Ron Arad, an air force navigator shot down in 1986, is believed to be alive and held by Hezbollah.

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BEIRUT'S CHANGES

Capital liberated from pall of hate

FROM ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

BEIRUT could hardly have been recognised by John McCarthy yesterday. The city from which he was kidnapped five years ago was at the time plunged into a dark age of civil war and militia rule. Muslim militants were roaming its lawless, battle-torn streets hunting foreigners as if they were wild dogs.

The glimpse Mr McCarthy had of Beirut during his trip to freedom yesterday would have shown him that the Lebanese capital has gone a long way towards recovering its old attraction.

The war that devastated Lebanon for 15 years was brought to an end by a new national reconciliation pact reached between the warring factions in 1989. The militias that terrorised the city for a decade and half have been dismantled, the kidnappers were outlawed and the Lebanese army and police, backed by a strong Syrian military presence, are now the sole rulers of the country.

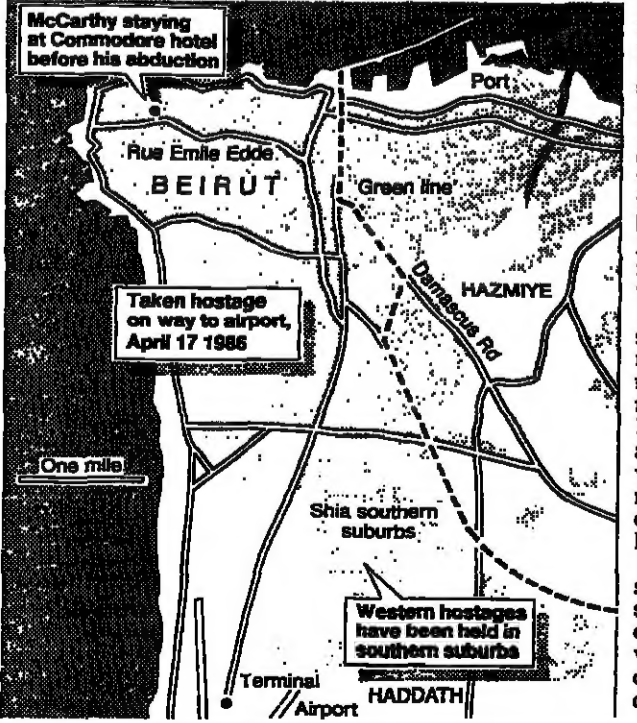
The violence that drove an estimated three-quarters of a million people out of the country no longer holds sway. This summer about 500,000 people flooded into Beirut, bringing a breath of fresh air back to a city that had been in despair for too long.

Foreigners no longer fear going out late at night to restaurants and bars. Their nightmare, Hezbollah, or the party of God, has vanished. The group's members, bearded men in Iranian combat uniforms, have been dis-

armed and confined to the city's southern slums.

Mr McCarthy and his fellow hostages were not alone in their captivity: the whole country was held hostage. Like the captives in their cells, Beirut's civilian residents lived in dark, grim and damp underground shelters, hiding year after year from the ever-battling factions.

Arab Pimpinel found a way through for his foreign friends



MEHDI Abdul Mehdi bears little physical resemblance to the Scarlet Pimpinel. He is short, excitable and decidedly unaristocratic in appearance. But for those foreigners lucky enough to have known him at the height of the kidnappings in Lebanon in the mid-1980s, he was as invaluable as was Dumas's fictional character to the condemned members of the French nobility.

Mehdi still recalls with satisfaction the last trip we made together to Beirut international airport, the most notorious stretch of road in Lebanon, where foreigners and Lebanese alike were vulnerable to regular kidnappings from roving groups of gunmen from the Shia Muslim slums near by.

He had made the journey successfully on previous occasions with a number of foreigners — one American university professor was camouflaged in the back seat of his car by several small children,

Richard Beeston, who left Beirut two days before John McCarthy was kidnapped, recalls the fear and suspicion pervading the city

another rode on the back of a motorcycle with his face hidden beneath a helmet — but somehow our last trip always sticks in his mind.

"You were lucky, very, very lucky, that day", he recalled with a grin when we met last month for the first time in five years. He had driven me through the twisting, potholed backstreets of Beirut on April 15, 1986, avoiding the most dangerous stretches of the main road only hours after American warplanes attacked Libya and an open day was declared by gunmen on all Westerners in Beirut.

Lebanese capital in the run-up to the raid had already been deteriorating and, like most foreigners, my life was becoming ruled by a set of precautions against abduction that left me a prisoner in my home and office.

Although Beirut still held a seductive side to its character in spite of the rash of kidnappings, the danger lurking close to the surface was brought home one night a couple of weeks before my departure, when I said goodnight to two British friends, Leigh Douglas and Philip Padfield, as they left the popular Back Street nightclub, and set off on foot for home.

They were intercepted by gunmen on their way and later their bullet-riddled bodies were dumped outside Beirut on the day that John McCarthy was seized.

The shrinking British community then suffered another setback when Brian Keenan, my next-door neighbour, was

abducted as he walked to work on the street outside my flat on April 11.

For those Westerners still in Beirut, life became overshadowed with paranoia and the trip to and from the office was filled with the fear of becoming the latest victim of the bearded young gunmen in the black Mercedes Benz.

Roger Auque, a French photographer living in Beirut, still managed to find a humorous, if somewhat morbid, side to our predicament. One day he took my picture, explaining that he needed it for the day I too would be abducted. The joke backfired the next year, however, when he became a hostage himself for ten months.

Everyone who survived that period in Beirut is still haunted by the thought that they could have disappeared for five or six years, chained to a radiator in a stinking makeshift cell somewhere in Beirut's suburbs.

IRAN'S ROLE

Tehran decides the time is ripe

By HAZHEH TEMOURIAN

SHEIKH Muhammad Husain Fadallah, the overall leader of the Hezbollah (Party of God) in Lebanon, told a visiting group of Iraqi Shia Muslim clerics in March that the holding of Western hostages had become counterproductive.

"We would admit to you that we would free all our prisoners today if it were up to us alone. But Mr Rafsanjani believes that the time is not yet ripe, that the Americans will still come round to accepting Iran's demands," he said.

Sheikh Fadallah told his visitors that the Americans and British were happy to use the suffering of their captured subjects as propaganda against Islam. He said that Iran's main aim was to win the freeing of its assets in the United States, seized in 1979 after the storming of the American embassy in Tehran and believed by Iran to be worth about \$5,000 million (\$3,000 million).

Sheikh Fadallah told his fellow clerics that without the help of the Iranian government headed by President Rafsanjani, the Hezbollah movement, with its plethora of charities and militias, would collapse within weeks. He also claimed that there were no factions involved in the abductions of Westerners, in spite of the claims made in the name of different organisations. "All the prisoners are in the control of us, the central committee of the Hezbollah, and we are not beholden to any factions in Iran, save the government," he said.

If the Hezbollah leader was telling the truth, and if the reporting of the Iraqi Shia leaders was accurate, the release yesterday in Beirut of John McCarthy does not represent a change in the position of the Hezbollah. It represents, rather, a shift in the position of the government in Tehran.

Iran's influence in the region has been gradually marginalised in recent years. Iran is not, for example, able to persuade Syria, its erstwhile ally, to refrain from taking part in the coming Middle East peace conference. Nor has Tehran been able to stop the army of the Lebanese state, under Syrian sponsorship, from pushing into South Lebanon to disarm the Hezbollah militia.

Nevertheless, the Hezbollah and Iran will both be looking for some reward. This might take the form of a release of some of Israel's Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners, a partial release of Iran's frozen assets in the America, or loans to Iran by the World Bank. The problem for the West is that some factions in Iran are still suspected of participation in guerrilla action abroad — including, perhaps, yesterday's assassination in Paris of Shapour Bakhtiar.

British sense of humour survived darkest despair

By ALICE THOMSON

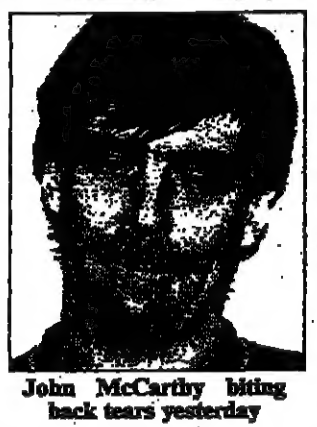
THROUGHOUT his 1943 days in captivity, John McCarthy never lost his very British sense of humour. Aged 28, he became the youngest of the Beirut hostages. But despite his youth he never cracked up, even when blindfolded and beaten, according to Brian Keenan, his fellow hostage, who was released a year ago. "How can I forget him, his humour, his abundant love of life, which at so many times seemed to diminish to almost extinction those grinding moments of hopelessness?" Mr Keenan said.

Mr McCarthy was born in Barnet, north London, and educated at Harefield and Hull university. He was given his first job in television in 1982 as a scriptwriter for World Television News. Four years later he was given his first foreign assignment as acting bureau chief of the group's Lebanon bureau.

He arrived in Lebanon in 1986, only five weeks before he was abducted. He lived at the Commodore hotel, home to the foreign press corps and only a short walk from his office. When the American F111s bombed Libya on April 14 most news organisations decided to withdraw their

correspondents. Later the same day the bodies of two Britons and an American were found just outside Beirut, murdered as an act of revenge by supporters of Libya.

While preparing to leave on April 17, Mr McCarthy broke one of the foremost security rules by saying goodbye to his friends and hotel staff before leaving in a two-car convoy for the airport. He had been travelling only a few minutes when the car was stopped by four gunmen who had been tipped off. "They didn't ask anything," said Qasim Dergham, one of the group with Mr McCarthy. "They just



John McCarthy biting back tears yesterday

went to the car and pulled John out by his hair, shouting 'If anyone moves, we kill him'."

Mr McCarthy simply vanished. Nothing was heard, not a photograph produced to give a clue to his whereabouts. An obscure group, the Revolutionary Commando Cell, never heard of before or since, claimed responsibility. For four years no one knew of his fate. Hopes of his survival slowly dwindled, the only comfort for his family being that there was no evidence he was dead.

Then, in 1988, Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a French hostage, was released and gave the first indication that Mr McCarthy had not been murdered. Mr Kauffmann said he had seen the Briton inside "Hostage Hilton", in impenetrable south Beirut, where most of the kidnapped foreigners are believed to have been hidden. He described the appalling conditions in which they were held, manacled and blindfolded in basement cells.

The American Frank Reed provided a more positive picture when he was released in April last year. He had seen Mr McCarthy and Mr Keenan only eight days earlier and said they were in comparatively good health. "John is in good spirits, exercising regularly and enjoying his daily ration of six cigarettes. More importantly, his sense of humour has not deserted him," Mr Reed said. He added that Mr McCarthy and Mr Keenan were supporting each other through the crisis.

For a few months in 1988 they had a radio, and followed the news on the BBC's World Service. Then the radio was taken away and Mr McCarthy never learnt of the death from cancer of his mother, Sheila, in July 1989 after she begged to be reunited with her son.

During the last four years of his captivity, Mr McCarthy's plight was highlighted by his friend Jill Morrell. She set up The Friends of John McCarthy to badger for his release. It is the group's posters which will greet him when he returns home, proving that he was not alone in counting the days until he was free.



Prayers of joy: a quickly-mastered congregation at St Bride's, the journalists' church in Fleet Street, celebrates the release of John McCarthy

SUPPORTERS' JOY

Jill Morrell raises a glass to end of successful campaign

By MICHAEL HORNSWELL

CLUTCHING a red rose, Jill Morrell, the woman who sustained the national vigil for John McCarthy during his incarceration through a relentless campaign for his release, yesterday described her ecstasy at his freedom.

Miss Morrell, aged 32, who refused to abandon him to his fate for the five years that followed his capture, said: "The main thing is that he is free. Now he has to pick up the threads of his life and start again."

But amid scenes of pandemonium at a London hotel she warned: "He has come out of a black hole into glaring light and he will be overwhelmed by it."

Miss Morrell was speaking at a press conference where she sported a yellow ribbon on her blouse and toasted his freedom with a glass of mineral water.

She said she had learned the news from a telephone call while staying at the London flat of Karen Talbot, campaign director of the Friends of John McCarthy, and that her first reaction was ecstasy.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Church dusts off its yellow ribbons

By BILL FROST

TWO traffic wardens were among the first to file into St Bride's off Fleet Street, the journalists' church, as a peal of pre-recorded bells rang out to celebrate the release of John McCarthy. The women doffed their caps and tied yellow ribbons to their satchels. "Well, it's a special day, you can't just go on handing out tickets as if nothing had happened," one said.

The Rev Holt Souder, visiting chaplain at St Bride's, had heard the good news shortly after 10am. "One of our lay assistants took the call from the BBC and I could tell by his face the news was good, very, very good."

Within half an hour the yellow ribbons, kept for just this occasion, had been dusted off and posters had been printed "A Special Service of Holy Communion in Thanksgiving for the Release of John McCarthy". Mr Souder ordered that the bells should be rung at maximum volume.

Rebecca Oates, whose

father is the Canon of St Bride's, broke with her daily routine. "As usual I was changing the side altar display, which shows the time John has been in captivity. I wrote out 1,943 days. And then I heard he was free. I wrote a new sticker which said 'Released'. I was so thrilled, this is a day I have been dreaming about," she said.

About 300 worshippers filled St Bride's for the lunchtime service. Not the good and the great, but secretaries, clerks and journalists.

As the choir sang, an old lady sobbed quietly at the back of the church. "My brother died during the last war in a German prison camp. He was so young, too. But John McCarthy is free. I wish him all the happiness in the world," she said.

Mr Souder said that candles for hostages would continue to burn at St Bride's. "This is a joyful day. But the vigil will continue until all the captives are set free."

REACTION AT HOME

Unconcealed joy greets release

By DAVID YOUNG

THE news of John McCarthy's release was greeted with unconcealed joy by those who had been in captivity with him, those who had campaigned for his release, those who had become politically involved and by those who had been untouched by his captivity.

News of his release was flashed around the world by radio-telegram, London Underground made an announcement to passengers over its tannoy system, bringing out bursts of applause.

Roger Cooper, the British businessman freed from a Tehran jail earlier this year, said that Mr McCarthy would meet "a huge battery of media attention" and would have to take things slowly.

"He will be under quite a lot of pressure from family, friends, colleagues," Mr Cooper said. "Unless he goes rather slowly, which I did not, he might find it a bit of a let-down in the weeks after."

Sunny Mann, the wife of the British hostage Jackie Mann, spoke of her delight for Mr McCarthy's family and her anguish when she heard that her husband was not to be released. "I don't know how I got through yesterday or last night when I heard it was going to be John."

Terry Waite's brother, David, said: "It's wonderful to know that John is once again free and will soon be back with his family and friends - free again to get on with his life."

"All the hostage families are grateful for the diplomatic efforts which have helped to bring about this release. We fervently hope that today's release is quickly followed by the release of all other hostages currently held captive of whatever nationality or creed and for whatever purpose."

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said: "It is wonderful for John McCarthy and for his family, and for those who have fought so hard to keep his imprisonment in the public mind. We must all hope this presages a change of

mood to show that hostage-taking is not acceptable in a civilised world, and we must hope that this will lead to the prospects of a negotiated peace and that the Middle East peace conference can have a positive outcome."

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THE FIRST WORDS

'My heart is very grateful'

THIS is the complete statement made to journalists by John McCarthy in Damascus: Well, hello; it's very nice to be here after five years.

I would like just now to make a brief statement rather than answering any of your questions, if you'll forgive me.

I am very happy to be here and free in Damascus after five years in captivity. And I would like to thank my hosts here at the Syrian foreign ministry for their warm welcome, and thanks to the Syrian army for their help in escorting me here from Beirut this morning.

I am happy to be able to tell the families of the American hostages Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland, and of my fellow Briton Terry Waite, that when I left them two days ago they were in good health and in good spirits, and that our living conditions recently are tolerable and I think we could call them good.

The ambassador kindly mentioned my strength of character. I will refer back to the two Americans and to

Terry Waite, and say that whatever strength I have had to endure the past five years has really come from those men.

And before them, from Brian Keenan and Frank Reed, who I was also held with.

[Both Reid and Keenan have since been released.]

I spoke yesterday at great length with my captors. I was held by the group called Islamic Jihad. They have given me a letter, which they wish me to deliver personally to the United Nations secretary general, Perez de Cuellar. I understand that the letter seeks the secretary general's help in arranging the release of all prisoners and hostages being held in Lebanon, and for those held in Israel.

I cannot say any more about that now, as the letter is clearly for the secretary general's personal attention. It would be better for him to make any comment.

My captors did tell me that whilst their group Islamic

Jihad does not hold all the hostages, they could assure me that for all 11 Western hostages being held in Lebanon, health and living conditions are good.

I would like to thank all the people who have done so much on our behalf over the past five years - my family, my friends and colleagues, and all of those people who supported those campaigns.

Many of them I don't know, but I know that thousands have taken part and my heart is very grateful for all those efforts, and also for the efforts of the Anglican Church, whose primary envoy Terry Waite of course gave his freedom on our behalf, and also of course the diplomatic efforts which have been made and increasingly made over the years for the Western hostages.

I appeal to all these kind people to keep up their efforts to end the ordeal of my fellow hostages and all those who are held in similar conditions in the region.

Thank you. Thank you very much.

MEDICAL VIEW

Ordeal may cause sense of alienation

By THOMAS STUTTFORD

FIVE years in any environment changes a personality, even a strong one. Few men, for instance, who joined the military services during the second world war failed to alter, and it is an everyday observation that three years at university leaves an indelible mark, so imagine how much greater the effect of being in a prison would be.

John McCarthy will need understanding friends, for he will have certainly changed. Incarceration with no known date of release, or even the certainty of survival, physical brutality - sometimes unintended, sometimes unintentional, movement from one prison to another with dangerous journeys in between, shortage of food and the threat of disease, even without the deprivation of intellectual stimulation and friendly human contact... all will have

given Mr McCarthy a different approach to life.

Two world wars and the Korean conflict have provided psychiatrists with considerable experience in treating those who have returned from captivity. Returning prisoners of war from the Far East commonly found it hard to re-establish easy relationships with people they had known previously who had had an easier life. Tragically, the closer the relationships had been before the separation, very often the more difficult it was to resume the old pattern. Whatever outward show Mr McCarthy manages to effect, it is certain that inwardly he will be feeling insecure, wary and alienated from those who have not lived through the experiences he has suffered.

Beliefs, whether religious or political, are often changed



McCarthy: under strain during his captivity

propensity Mr McCarthy might have had to specific psychiatric disease may have been uncovered during the past five years, or it may now appear as he settles down to normal life. If it does, he will need appropriate therapy.

His physical health, too, will have suffered. John McCarthy will be given full medical examinations, including blood tests. He may have contracted tuberculosis or chronic intestinal infections. A high protein diet and multivitamins will be prescribed.

Experience of prisoners of war returning from the Far East has shown that although most made a good immediate physical recovery, in the long term they have been less healthy than those who have not suffered as much, and have even died earlier than their contemporaries, albeit often from an apparently unconnected problem.

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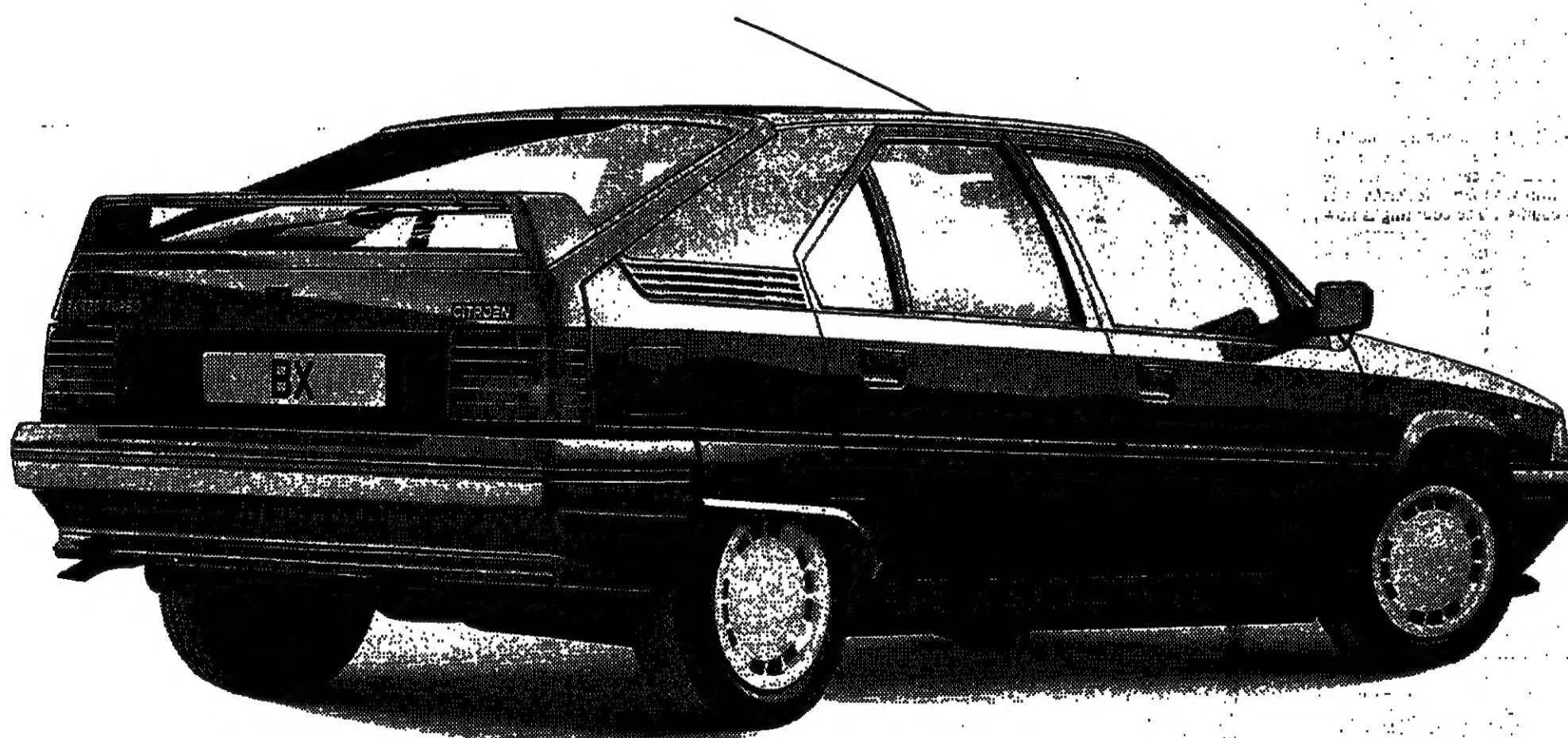
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Struggle to keep hostage issue alive in face of people's apathy and Foreign Office diplomacy pays off at last

Woman crusader led three-year fight for captive's release

By ALICE THOMSON

ONLY once during his captivity was John McCarthy reported to have been allowed a glimpse at a television. The focus was blurred and the sound had been turned down but there on the screen by an amazing coincidence was his friend Jill Morrell campaigning for his release.

Mr McCarthy was chained to a radiator, the floor was infested with cockroaches and he could not stand but, for the first time in three years, he knew that he had not been forgotten.

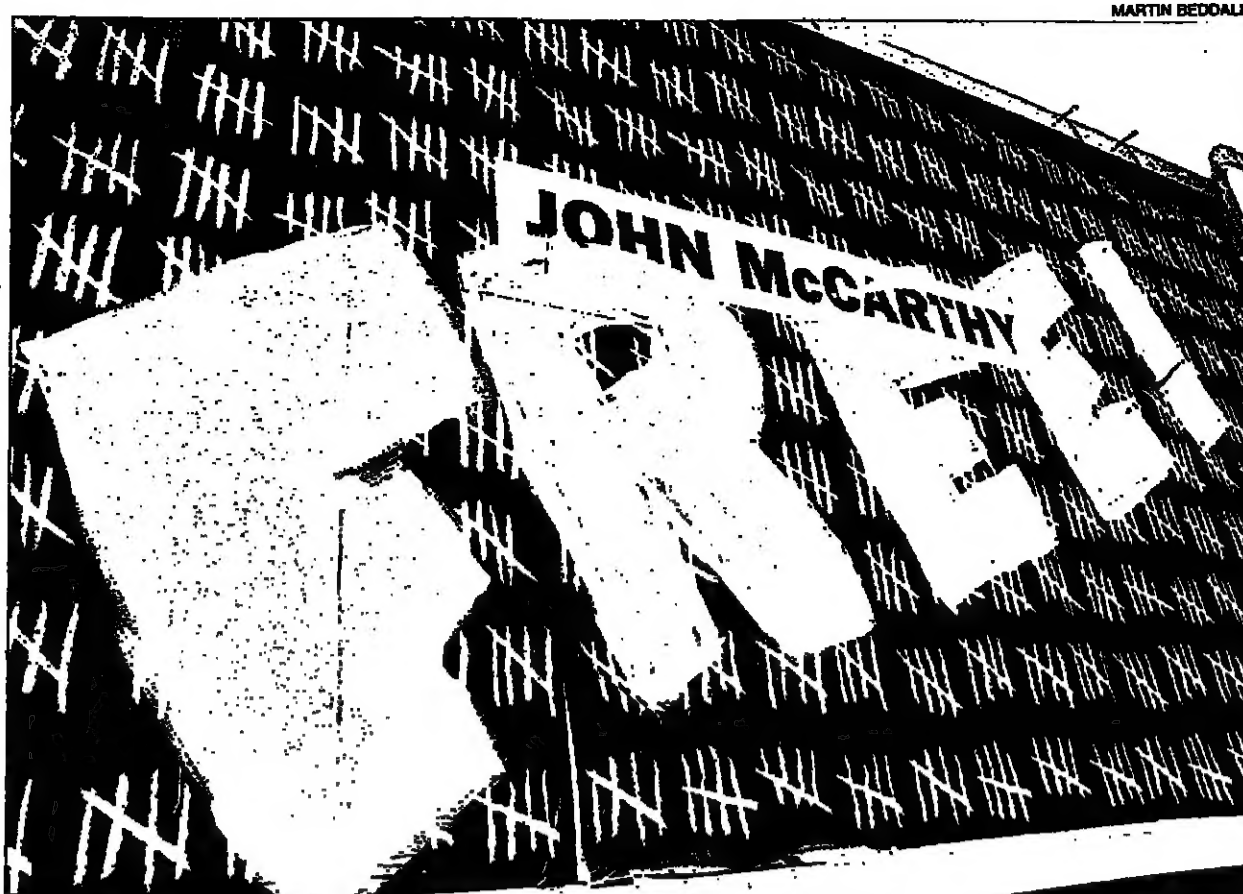
Miss Morrell, the dedicated and determined colleague of Mr McCarthy, has devoted her considerable energies in

the past few years to securing his release and raising public awareness of the plight of all British hostages held in Lebanon. Bought up in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, she went from Hull university to World Television News, the London-based independent TV news agency which sent Mr McCarthy to Lebanon on his first foreign assignment. The couple had been going out together for three years and were planning to buy a flat when Mr McCarthy returned. Miss Morrell, a scriptwriter, had taken the day off work to meet his flight home on the morning of his kidnapping. For two years, Miss Morrell

was happy to toe the British government line, that quiet diplomacy would secure the hostages' release. "The first few weeks were a blur for me. I thought it must be a mistake and he would be home soon," she said. She would visit the Foreign Office occasionally to be told that there was no news.

By January 1988, Miss Morrell had become exasperated at the lack of progress and formed the pressure group, Friends of John McCarthy. Composed of various colleagues and friends, the group worked from an office provided by the National Union of Journalists. Miss Morrell was the high-profile figurehead of the team which launched a campaign of publicity stunts, letter writing, posters and advertisements.

Miss Morrell, now a Channel 4 producer, flew to Damascus to urge the Syrians to use their influence in Lebanon, to Paris to meet freed French



A poster near Waterloo station in London proclaiming the end of Mr McCarthy's 1,943 days in captivity

hostages and to Strasbourg to lobby members of the European parliament. Her desire to see Mr McCarthy set free has not blinded her to the moral complexities of nego-

tiating with kidnappers. But she became frustrated as successful overtures by other foreign governments secured the release of their hostages. "The French hostages told me

that they were released because their faces were always on television in nightly bulletins," Miss Morrell said. "For the Germans and Americans also, it was a matter of

national pride. In Britain, it has been an uphill climb." The campaigners, comprising about 20 of the couple's friends, colleagues and even strangers who offered support,

paraded a giant birthday card for Mr McCarthy outside the Foreign Office, released black balloons from Blackpool Tower during a Labour party conference, staged benefit concerts and relentlessly lobbied the government.

Tentative progress was often set back by events such as the Salman Rushdie affair and the seizure of the Hezbollah cleric Sheikh Obeid by Israel.

Miss Morrell's personality and calm determination, her struggle against public apathy and what she saw as the feebleness of the Foreign Office's hostage policy have won her much acclaim. But the campaign has also given her a notoriety she neither seeks nor enjoys.

Slowly she dropped the label of girl friend, although she carried on the campaign. "I had not stopped caring but I had to get some control over my own life and not have people cast me in a role I could not escape from."

Recently she wrote in a newspaper article that in ten years she would be too old to have children; she could not imagine living like a nun; and there would come a time when she would have to save her own life. "I wouldn't wish what I am going through on anyone. It is a lonely experience," she said. "In my worst moments I think, is it ever going to end? Will he ever come back?"

THE FRIENDS

Ordeal was kept in the public eye

By RAY CLANCY

IN A TIRELESS campaign, the friends of John McCarthy made sure that he did not become a faceless hostage. Throughout his captivity they kept his face before the eyes of the world on television news bulletins, on posters and in newspapers.

The campaign appeared to run on goodwill rather than lots of money. Advertisers donated space and time, volunteers manned the tiny office where the walls are covered with distinctive black posters of Mr McCarthy's face behind bars. Close friends, including Jill Morrell, began the task of keeping his plight in the public eye within weeks of his disappearance.

A year after he was kidnapped the first of a series of candlelight vigils were held at St Bride's, the journalists' church in Fleet Street. The words "Don't forget the British hostages in Beirut" adorned posters, T-shirts and leaflets, as the campaign continued and freed hostages spoke of the ordeal of those still held captive.

In April 1988 the first of several benefit concerts were held that raised thousands of pounds for the campaign. The National Union of Journalists donated an office, part-time organisers were hired. Donations flooded in as groups all

over the country held fund-raising events.

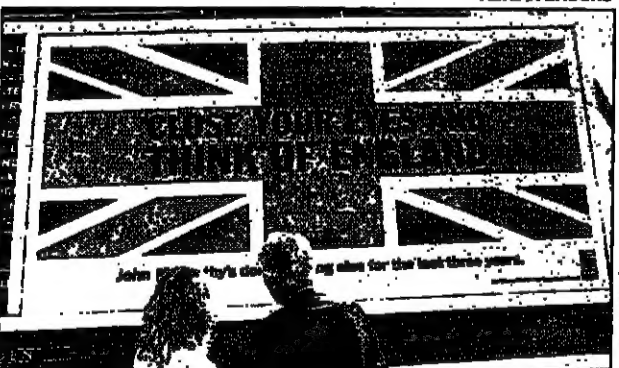
Television advertisements were banned because they were judged political. On the third anniversary of Mr McCarthy's disappearance a video showing images of destruction in Beirut was screened by cinemas and cable television.

Hundreds of black balloons were released from Blackpool tower, birthday messages appeared in Beirut newspapers, vigils were held outside the Iranian embassy in London, and petitions handed in to Downing Street.

The friends' first slogan, "Close your eyes and think of England, John McCarthy's done nothing else for the last three years," became a familiar sight. A new campaign began last week had a poster with tally symbols, one for each of the 1,937 days he had spent in captivity, with the words "John McCarthy still counts". The counting is now over but not the campaigning. The friends will continue until all the hostages are free.

The constant campaigning will ensure that Mr McCarthy will be confronted by a wealth of posters and slogans bearing his name when he returns. They will prove that he was not the only one counting the days until he was free.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Not forgotten: Jill Morrell and Patrick McCarthy with the poster that became a familiar sight

US STRATEGY

Bush learnt lesson in a tough school

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush took office in 1989 with a new strategy, built on the unhappy experiences of his two predecessors, for securing the release of Western hostages in Lebanon.

Jimmy Carter allowed the fate of 52 American hostages in Tehran to become a national obsession. In his efforts to secure their release he became a prisoner of the White House for much of his last year in office, finally ordering a military strike that ended in a fiasco in the Iranian desert.

The hostages were eventually released within hours of Ronald Reagan taking office in 1981, but the new president was so moved by the plight of the individual Americans held in Lebanon that he let himself be sucked into the secret arms-for-hostages negotiations with Tehran that led to the Iran-Contra scandal and nearly wrecked his administration.

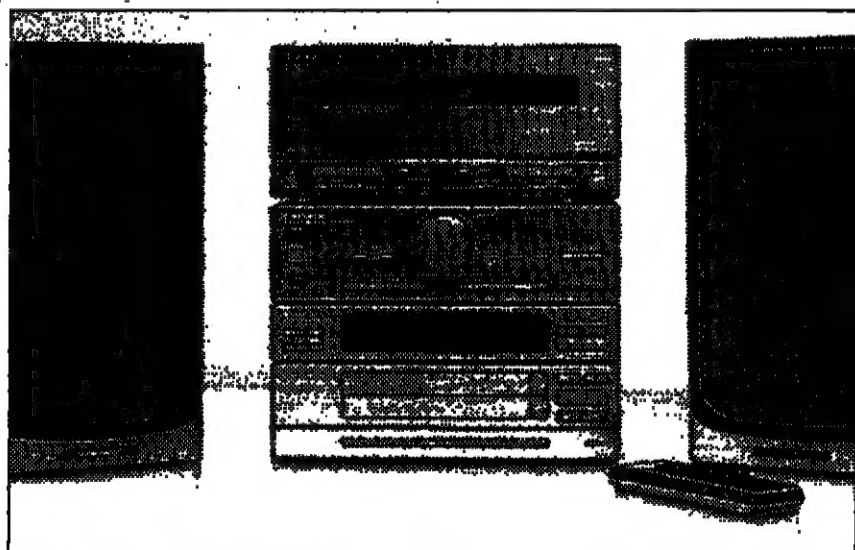
As Mr Reagan's vice-president, Mr Bush watched that disaster unfold, and learnt two painful lessons which he has remembered ever since: you do not attempt to negotiate deals with hostage-takers, and you do nothing to elevate the hostages' value in their captors' eyes.

Mr Bush's uncompromising stance has had some success. Robert Pollitt and Frank Reed, two academics, were released within two weeks of each other in the spring of 1990 and another of the six Americans still held may well be on the verge of freedom. One other, US Marine Colonel William Higgins, was allegedly hanged in July 1989 though the administration suspects he died earlier.

In pursuit of his strategy, Mr Bush has spoken little about the hostages since taking office, refused to get excited at reports of imminent releases, refrained from high-profile celebrations on their return. It is the same policy he adopted when Iraq threatened to use captured American servicemen as human shields during the Gulf war.

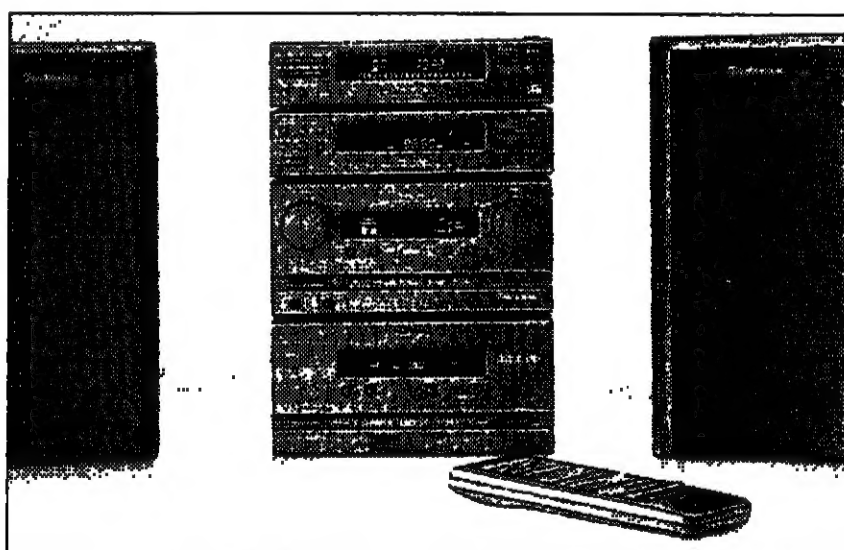
Washington's approach has been to play down the talk of the hostages, said Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs until 1989. "It's been very painful, giving the impression to the families that we were neglecting the hostages' fate. That hasn't been the case, but there has been much less publicity, much less discussion."

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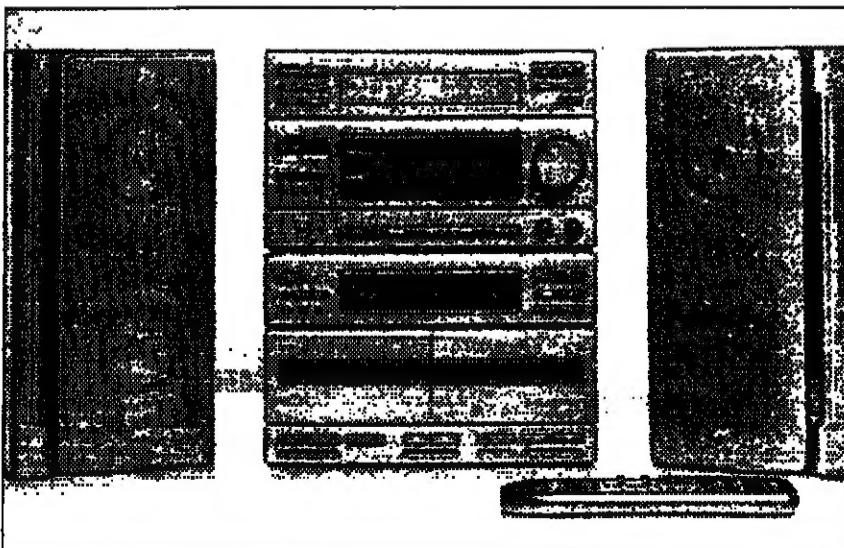
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Heseltine loses one round in fight to ease poll tax costs

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, has lost the first round of his battle with the Treasury to scrap the 20 per cent minimum contribution that the least well off have to make towards the poll tax.

Senior ministers are expected to be forced to reconsider the issue in the autumn, however, as a means of reducing the embarrassment of non-payment of the community charge and the extra expense that it is imposing on law-abiding payers. About 80 per cent of non-payers are those who would be liable to pay only 20 per cent and abolition would be a swift way of cutting non-collection at a stroke and reducing the damage to the government in the run-up to the general election.

Recent estimates suggest that uncollected poll tax now totals £1 billion to £1.5 billion. The minimum payment has only this year and next, the last year of the poll tax, to run. It disappears under the council tax, due for introduction on April 1, 1993.

Mr Heseltine's attempt to secure the £400 million that would be needed to wipe out the charge for which some four million people on income support or students are liable has been postponed after a meeting of cabinet ministers decided the change would be politically difficult.

The taxpayer has already put in £400 million to the benefit system to recipients to cover the payments made by claimants to local authorities. David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, would face a storm of opposition if he tried to claw that back from the system at a time when benefit upratings will be modest because of low inflation. The alternative is to increase grant to local authorities by £400 million, a bill that the taxpayer would also have to foot. Mr Heseltine and Tony

Newton, the social security secretary, who are pressing for abolition of the minimum payment, were said by informed sources yesterday to have sympathy with the validity of the Treasury argument. However, there is a growing belief among senior ministers that they may have to bite the bullet to avoid embarrassment over spiralling non-collection in the run-up to the general election, expected next spring or early summer.

It is also thought that ministers will be forced to accept that much of the money due from the 20 per cent payers will not be received. Having conceded the



Heseltine: attempt is postponed after talks

principle of 100 per cent rebates under the council tax, the most sensible solution might be to scrap it, certainly for the last year of the poll tax, they believe.

Councils are already facing a flood of protest, and refusals to make payments, over the surcharges that have appeared on this year's bills to cover non-payment. Some additions have been as high as £70. Government sources fear the outcry will soar next April and May, possibly during the election campaign, unless action is taken to cut the level of non-collection. Having sunk so much into the poll tax, sources believe a rational argument can be made for one last subvention during the final year of its existence.

Meanwhile David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, alleged yesterday that fear of poll tax registration was causing a "disappearing" population. He said evidence from the 1991 census and registration data suggested that widespread fear about poll tax registration had resulted in inaccuracies in population and voting lists and many people were "attempting to disappear".

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Kingly coin: Jane McAdam, a modeller and engraver at the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, Gwent, with the medal she designed to mark the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's birth. Bronze medals will sell for £42.50 and silver for £85

Sex film channel viewers dial soundtrack

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH television viewers who watch Scandinavian sex films with pirate satellite channel decoders are using an 0898 premium-rate telephone line to hear the soundtracks.

Filmnet, the Scandinavian satellite film channel which is not legally available in Britain, scrambled its soundtracks last month to deter such viewer piracy. But two weeks ago, a new phone service was launched allowing viewers to listen simultaneously to the soundtracks for £26 an hour, or 43p a minute, at peak time.

Unique 2001, the line's operators, said at least 600,000 people in Britain owned pirate decoders for Filmnet. Legitimate subscribers throughout Europe pay about £15 a month for the channel.

A spokesman said that the phone line would make a profit within the next two weeks. He said, however, that only a small percentage of the pirate viewers in Britain were now calling the 0898 number. "It is early days yet," he said.

News of the 0898 number emerged as Peter Lloyd, the Home Office minister for broadcasting, said that he may take action to outlaw the viewing of Filmnet on pirate decoders. The Home Office has received many complaints about the channel, including one from Mary Whitehouse. Filmnet shows soft-porn films late at night. It is not illegal to buy pirate decoders in the UK. Mr Lloyd said that since Filmnet did not have a licence to broadcast directly to Britain, something should be done to make it impossible for British viewers to receive the service.

The Unique 2001 phone line is not illegal, although Ictis, the independent committee which supervises standards of telephone information services, said it would investigate the service.

British Telecom said it was obliged to sell the Unique 2001 line even if the company itself disapproved of the soundtrack service.

Soldier in accidental shooting is named

A soldier killed by the discharge of an army weapon was named yesterday as William Thomas Dryden, aged 22, from Durham (Edward Gorman writes).

Signalman Dryden died on Wednesday night after being hit in the chest by a shot fired from a semi-automatic rifle at Palace barracks at Holywood, near Belfast. A second soldier apparently hit in the hand by the same bullet is being treated in hospital.

Police are investigating the shooting, which security sources suggested was an accident.

Sisters charged

Two sisters were charged with the murder of London bank clerk Alison Shaughnessy, found stabbed to death two months ago. Michelle Taylor, aged 20, and her sister Lisa, aged 18, were arrested at their home in Forest Hill, southeast London, early on Wednesday. A woman arrested with them was released without charge. Detectives were still questioning a man, aged 49, arrested yesterday in Wandsworth.

Hijacker fined

A patient was in an ambulance when it was hijacked by a man who crashed it into a wall, magistrates at Maidstone, Kent, were told. John Ashwood, aged 24, of Coxheath, Kent, admitted taking the ambulance and failing a breath test. He was given a six-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £776 in fines and compensation. The patient was unhurt.

Horse ban

Michael Marshall, aged 50, a farmer, was banned from keeping horses for life yesterday. RSPCA investigators found cattle sweltering with inadequate feed and water at Brick Yard farm, in Fulstow, Lincolnshire. Louth magistrates were told. Marshall was given a six-month suspended sentence and fined £400 after also being found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to two bay fillies.

Lilley lists weapons that bolstered Saddam

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN sent equipment to Iraq that enhanced Saddam Hussein's military capability during the Gulf war but did not contribute to the build-up of nuclear or chemical weapons, Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, disclosed yesterday.

New information produced by Mr Lilley shows that sensitive equipment was licensed for export by British firms to Iraq under the government's interpretation of

the embargo as banning only the export of lethal equipment. The interpretation led to the export of mortar locating radar, sophisticated coding equipment and aircraft engines, together with replacement parts for military equipment supplied before the embargo.

In an attempt to end the dispute over British exports to Iraq, Mr Lilley released a full list of goods licensed for export between 1987 and August 1990. He insisted that

Britain fulfilled all the terms of the arms embargo imposed during the Iran-Iraq war. "Our examination of the records shows that the policy announced in parliament [by Sir Geoffrey Howe in 1985] was adhered to both in the spirit as well as in the letter," Mr Lilley said. He felt "no sense of guilt" about the exports.

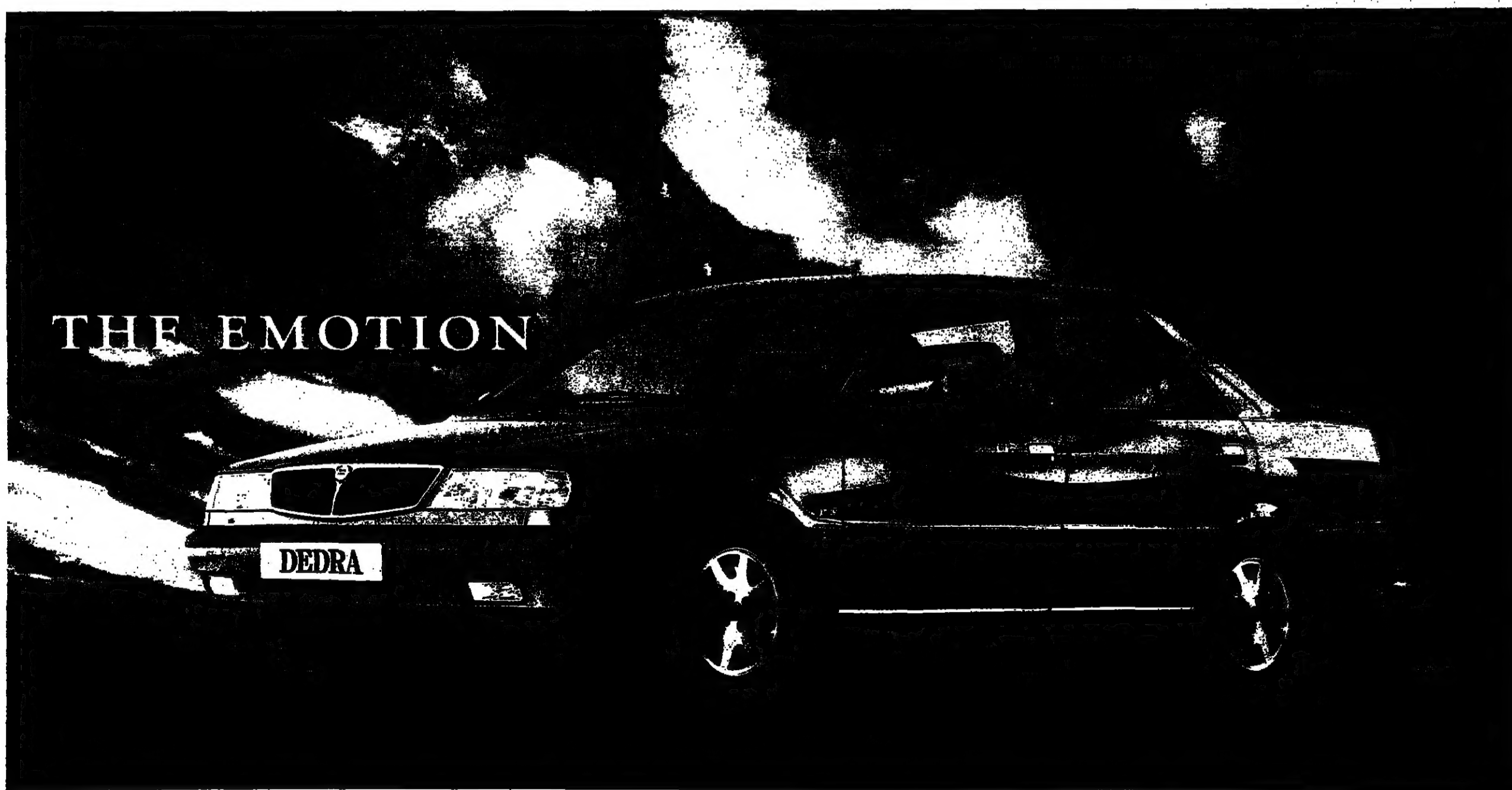
Mr Lilley sent to the Commons trade and industry committee his explanation of the exports listed in annex E and F of his earlier evidence, which

suggested that military equipment, nuclear and chemical material was exported to Iraq in defiance of the embargo.

"We are not saying that no military equipment was sent," Mr Lilley said yesterday. "It [the embargo] could allow some non-lethal equipment." Such exports were cleared by the defence ministry and the Foreign Office. There was not a single export of any significance to a military nuclear programme, Mr Lilley said. Last night, Gordon Brown

and Joyce Quin, Labour's trade and industry spokesmen, questioned the wisdom of licensing for export £30 million worth of British products, including such equipment as mortar locating radar.

Menzies Campbell, for the Liberal Democrats, repeated his call for the cross-party committee to be recalled during the summer recess to examine the latest information. "Mr Lilley should be summoned by the committee to give oral evidence."



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Jewel saved from export as appeal raises £2.5m

By PETER DAVENPORT

A NATIONAL appeal to prevent the export of the Middleham Jewel, the gold and sapphire pendant linked to Richard III, ended in success yesterday when the anonymous owner accepted an offer of £2.5 million.

The jewel will now be housed at the Yorkshire Museum in York, maintaining its connections with the county where it was discovered.

The appeal, launched three months ago, reached its target with donations ranging from the £1.7 million given by the National Heritage Memorial Fund, its largest ever grant to a non-national museum, to the weekly pocket money of the ten-year-old son of the county museums officer, J. Paul Getty Jr also pledged £350,000.

The target was reached on Monday afternoon and a preliminary offer sent to the owner through the British Museum, which has been acting as agent for the appeal organisers. Formal confirmation of the bid was sent on Wednesday and the accep-

ance was fixed by return. Brian Hayton, North Yorkshire's county museums officer, said: "The amazing response we have had to the appeal has shown beyond doubt how much the jewel is treasured. It is of quite exceptional importance and no other piece of late medieval jewellery has been discovered in Britain this century. We are delighted that it has been saved for the nation."

The deal was struck just days before the government's second deferral of an export licence for the Jewel was due to expire, on August 17.

The deferral decision was made by the trade and industry department on the recommendation of the arts minister. The jewel's value was set by the Export Review Committee on Works of Art acting on advice from the British Museum.

Among other donations given to the appeal were £180,000 from the National Art Collections Fund, £75,000 from the Headley Trust, £60,000 from the Victoria and Albert Museum and £25,000 from The Goldsmith's Company. Public donations amounted to almost £20,000.

The double-sided pendant, with a large sapphire on the front and engraved with religious symbols on both sides, was found by two amateur



Eye on the bait: Steven Fine, of Cresvale securities, doing a spot of groundwork during a two-day Mad Hatter's croquet challenge trophy for City workers at a tea festival at Hay's Galleria in London yesterday. The festival is open to the public tomorrow for a teapot exhibition and tea tasting

Fatal crash nurse 'lost will to live'

A nurse involved in a car crash in which her best friend died and another nurse was severely injured was given a nine-month sentence suspended for two years and disqualified from driving for three years yesterday.

Paula Smith, aged 28, of Romford, Essex, who was found guilty of causing death by reckless driving, was told by Judge Smedley at the Central Criminal Court that he had been heavily influenced by a psychiatrist's report into passing a lenient sentence. The judge said: "The report states that her feeling of guilt following the crash is so overwhelming that she feels her life is not worth living."

In the accident at Romford in January, Siobhan Cunningham, aged 27, a mother of one, from Romford, died, and Kate Dunlop, aged 43, of Harold Hill, Essex, suffered severe head injuries.

Fake applicants

Many bogus asylum-seekers are allowed to stay in Britain permanently simply because of delays in handling their applications, Peter Lloyd, the junior Home Office minister, says in a letter to *The Times* today. He suggests that only a minority of people granted "exceptional leave to remain" are allowed to stay for compassionate reasons.

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Love conquers

A contemporary love poem has won the Chair, the premier award at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales in Mold. The winning 300-line *awdl* by Robin Llwyd, aged 33, the mayor of Ruthin and headmaster of Llangwm primary school, near Corwen in north Wales, was novel and adventurous, full of images and had "amazing delivery", Eirian Davies, the chairman of the judges, said.

Labour lead up

Labour has increased its lead over the Conservatives to 5 percentage points, according to the latest Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* today. But John Major stays ahead of Neil Kinnock in popularity. The figures, with last month's percentages in brackets, are: Labour 41 per cent (40.5), Conservatives 36 per cent (37), Liberal Democrats 16.5 per cent (17), others 6.5 per cent (5.5).



The Middleham Jewel which is to stay in Britain

treasure hunters in 1985, near Middleham Castle, along a footpath between Jervaulx and Coverham abbeys. Gold and silver threads, possibly from a small piece of fabric which may have held a precious relic, were found inside.

Following a treasure trove inquest and High Court proceedings, the amateur treasure hunters were declared the rightful owners and the pendant was sold at auction by Sotheby's in 1986 for £1.4 million.



Battle line: horsemen retrace the English route

Part-time courses that chart paths to success

ADULT education's image as a Cinderella service, operating on a shoestring in village halls, often obscures the success stories of many of its students.

Since the government announced its proposals to remove subsidies from the courses considered as leisure activities, however, the beneficiaries have begun to come out of the woodwork. Ministers' dismissive references to flower arranging classes have angered those who have been in at the start of promising careers.

The 9,000 women's institutes are compiling lists of the prominent figures who have taken their classes. Among the well-known predecessors of the institutes' 310,000 adult students are members of both houses of parliament.

Grace Mulligan, who has presented television's longest-running cookery show, *Farmhouse Cookery*, owes her success to the type of course that would fall foul of the government's proposals. A needlework teacher in a Yorkshire village, she was persuaded to join her local institute's cookery classes, and has never looked back. "I joined just as a hobby, but went on to train as a cookery judge and was eventually approached by a television producer after demonstrating at the Great Yorkshire Show," she said. "Now I have a newspaper

column, write for women's magazines and speak at luncheon clubs. The classes changed my life completely."

Even in academic life, there are people who have made an impact via the adult education route. Frank Wilkinson, a senior researcher in applied economics at Cambridge university and a fellow of Girton College, said that he was "semi-literate" when he first joined day-release classes run by the Workers' Educational Association.

Having left school at 15 and worked for ten years on a farm and at an ironworks, he changed direction after taking a course in English appreciation, economics and industrial relations. He told *The Times Higher Education Supplement*: "Everyone who went on that course either drastically changed the course of their life, or got promotion at what they were doing." He went on to Ruskin College, Oxford, which may now have to halve the length of its courses.

Alan Tuckett, the director of the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education, insists that such cases are not unusual. "The new divide is a totally artificial one," he said. "There is a wealth of evidence that people who progress through adult education start by putting a toe in the water on the so-called leisure courses."

The new proposals will cause serious problems for the centres of excellence in the field, which will have a knock-on effect throughout the country and many courses will not survive.

An influx of students from the European Community enabled universities, polytechnics and colleges to register an 11 per cent increase in overseas registrations during the 1980s. Statistics published yesterday by the education department showed that the number of foreign students reached almost 78,000 by 1989.

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Boys and mother die in house fire

TWO boys, their mother and a man died in a fire at a terraced house early yesterday. The victims were apparently overcome by smoke after the blaze started at about 3am in Levenshulme, Greater Manchester. Attempts to resuscitate them were unsuccessful.

The four were named as Katrina Johnson, aged 31, her sons Jack, aged six, and Charles, aged five, and her boy friend Roy Hulsten, aged 38. It is understood that Mrs Johnson was separated from her husband.

The alarm was raised by Sarah Chaudhry, aged 21, of nearby Barlow Road. She said she was in her kitchen when she saw smoke billowing up behind the house. "Something was obviously terribly wrong," she said.

Miss Chaudhry said that at first she thought nobody was in the house as the front door was open. "When I walked

through the door I could hear the crackling of the fire and I could see horrible black smoke." She was forced out of the house by the family's pet Labrador, Sam, which leapt up at her out of the darkness.

Miss Chaudhry said she hammered on the doors of the houses on either side to alert neighbours to the danger. Steve Swallow, the assistant divisional fire officer, said: "But for her actions the situation could have been even worse. The fire could have spread through the roof space to neighbouring houses." The fire started in the rear bedroom and spread throughout the upper floor, badly damaging it, he said.

Mr Swallow said: "We are used to seeing fire tragedies but this is one of the worst."

Later the house was being examined by fire officers. Gas and electricity board investigators were also at the scene.

SATURDAY REVIEW

HOT AND COLD



"The great machine of science turned its attention to cold fusion and, after churning it over, spat it out" Nigel Hawkes finds Professor Martin Fleischmann (above) angry but undeterred

GOOD SPIRITS



A new film hit, *Truly, Madly, Deeply*, stars Juliet Stevenson (above) as a woman who misses her dead lover so much that he returns. Sounds familiar? Maybe, says Candida Crewe, but this is a much more grown-up film than *Ghost* — and it's British

DIE-IT-YOURSELF

"The 'supermarket of death' seems to have got off to an encouraging start, even if some shoppers have been unnerved to come across coffins standing on end" Philip Jacobson on a lively new retailing venture

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Meteorites to put on weekend show

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THIS weekend should be a perfect time to watch a spectacle that has been observed since AD36.

The Perseid meteor shower is expected to be particularly brilliant because for the first time since 1988 there will be no moon to blot out the flashes of meteorites burning up in the Earth's atmosphere. Amateur astronomers are expected to take advantage of the good viewing conditions.

If the skies are unclouded, up to 50 meteors an hour ought to be visible with the naked eye. They will appear to originate from a single point in the constellation of Perseus, which gives them their name. The streaks of light are tiny fragments of matter from the

comet Swift-Tuttle, identified in 1862. The Perseid meteor shower happens once a year, as the orbit of the Earth crosses that of the comet. The orbit of the comet consists of a kind of river of dust flowing through space, billions of tiny fragments that burn up as they hit the atmosphere at speeds of more than 35 miles a second, causing a brief but brilliant streak across the sky.

The showers have been observed for almost two thousand years, but it was only in the 19th century that astronomers realised they were an annual event that reached its peak on August 10 and 11. Irish peasants appear to have registered this long before the professionals, because they had named the

Perseid showers the "Tears of St Lawrence", after a Spanish saint and martyr whose feast day is August 10.

The last time the shower was fully visible, in 1988, astronomers counted more than 32,000 meteorites. The best view should be towards the end of the night on Saturday and Sunday and binoculars or telescopes are not recommended as they limit the field of view.

Pictures can be taken by loading a fast film (at least 400 ISO) and leaving the shutter open for several minutes, according to John Mason of the British Astronomical Association. The meteors will appear as a straight line against a background of star images trailed into curves by the Earth's rotation.

Nutritionists seek laws to promote healthy diet

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWs to encourage healthier eating, including a ban on television commercials for some foods and drinks, should be considered by the government, Medical Research Council nutritionists say.

The government's new targets for a better national diet are unlikely to be achieved without such radical measures, according to an article in today's *British Medical Journal*.

Food rationing and taxes on saturated fats and sugars are probably politically unacceptable. Sheila Bingham, of the council's Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre, Cambridge, says in response to the *Health Of The Nation* green paper, published in June. "There are less oppressive ways in which legislation could effect changes in food habits. The

importance of nutrition must be re-established in the nation's mind, from school children onwards," Dr Bingham says.

"The national palate needs re-educating and healthy cooking and food choice must be taught. Curriculums in schools and for caterers should devote more attention to this." To achieve some of the government's dietary goals by 2005, consumption of biscuits, cakes, puddings, chips, crisps and chocolate would need to be halved, as would consumption of soft drinks and table sugars, Dr Bingham says. Twice as much fruit, bread and vegetables would have to be eaten.

"Diet has a key role in the prevention of the major life-threatening conditions of middle and later life," Dr Bingham says, adding that about 30 per cent of the attributable risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer can probably be ascribed to diet.

The targets in the green paper will be welcomed, but reaching them is unlikely through conventional health education methods, according to Dr Bingham. She suggests that there could be legal requirements for catering contractors to provide food for hospitals, schools and colleges that meet the target levels. Food labelling should become mandatory and supermarkets could introduce "healthy shopping" areas.

Patients 'face real HIV risk'

THE medical profession is making unjustified claims that patients are at low risk of catching HIV from infected health care workers, doctors say in the *British Medical Journal* today (Thomson Prentice writes).

Patients who have been in contact with health workers carrying the virus should be tested because evidence to support the reassuring claims is lacking, according to specialists at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. They estimate that in Britain, six dentists have contracted Aids, while a surgeon and a gynaecologist are known to have the disease.

A dentist in America who had Aids infected five patients. The dentist has died, as has the surgeon in Britain. The gynaecologist is no longer working.

The specialists say no cases are recorded in Britain of a patient infected after medical or dental treatment, but the degree of risk is unknown.



Undercover operation: David Perry restoring a wall painting and Richard Lithgow working on the arch (above) at St Clement's church (below)

Medieval frescos restored

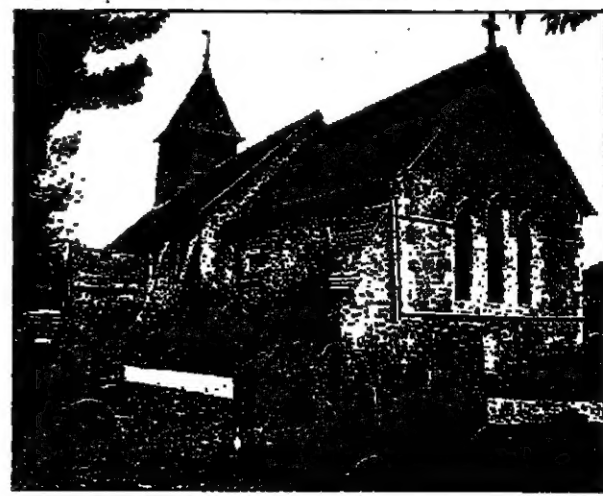
By JOHN YOUNG

MEDIEVAL wall paintings in St Clement's church at Ashampstead, Berkshire, considered to be some of the most important in Britain, are being restored at a cost of £12,000. They were plastered over after the Reformation and not discovered until 1895.

The paintings date from the 13th century and are thought to have been commissioned by the de New-

burgh family, earls of Warwick, employing monks either from Normandy or from the Benedictine centres at Windsor, Reading, Abingdon and Winchester. Those on the side wall depict the annunciation, the visitation, the nativity and the appearance of the angel to the shepherds. Above the arch between the nave and the chancel are the remains of a "doom", several apostles

and the figure of Christ in a red mantle. The restoration work involved removing accumulated grime. Grants totalling £6,500 have been made by, among others, English Heritage, the Diocese of Oxford and Newbury district council; £3,000 has come from parishioners and anonymous gifts. A further £2,500 is still needed. The work is expected to be finished next week.



Peers call for cut in EC farm support

By JOHN WINDER

EUROPEAN Community support for farmers should be cut according to a set timetable until prices reach world levels, a House of Lords report published today says.

The report criticises the European Commission for being too conservative in its outlook and says its plans are an unacceptable basis for reform. European farm ministers are told to exhibit political leadership and to grasp the nettle of reform.

The report, from the Lords' EC committee, describes the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), at 2 per cent of the community's gross domestic product, as indefensible; it questions the need to preserve the small family farm; and suggests that direct income support might be considered instead of agricultural support mechanisms. The committee says that reform of the policy is imperative.

The report says: "The CAP denies the free operation of the market, distorts the relationship between supply and demand and leads to a welfare loss to the whole community. It fails to pay sufficient regard to environmental concerns or the needs of consumers and threatens the ability of the community to trade freely on the world market."

The committee, headed by Lord Middleton, president of the Country Landowners Association, and including Lord Plumb, former president of the National Farmers' Union, says the chief obstacle to reform is political and expresses disappointment that John Gummer, the agriculture minister, believed that other EC agriculture ministers were unlikely to contemplate fundamental reform.

EC policy-makers had consistently failed to achieve a forward-looking strategy, the report says, adding that the commission reform package was a welcome departure from that norm and a forceful attempt to redirect policy.

Sex attack warning by police

Police yesterday issued a warning to holidaymakers in south Devon after a man attacked a girl aged six close to Hallsands beach near Kingsbridge.

The girl was grabbed by the man, aged between 25 and 35, as her mother waited for help after their car broke down on Wednesday. The mother beat off the man who returned a number of times to try to lure them both into a field and exposed himself. He finally escaped on a bicycle.

Knife acquittal

Lesley Keane, aged 33, of Paddington, west London, who stabbed her father after he attacked her, was cleared at Knightsbridge crown court, west London, of wounding with intent. The court was told that her father, Ronald Piper, had a history of violence.

Petrol attack

Bomb disposal experts dealt with six unexploded petrol bombs after another exploded at a pig breeding centre at Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire. Police believe animal activists were responsible.

Shares fine

Gary Mitchell, aged 48, of Bracknell, Berkshire, was fined a total of £5,700 with £100 costs by Bow Street magistrates for using the names of friends and colleagues to apply for shares in flotations.

Tanker deaths

A mother and son died when their car was crushed by an overturned tanker at Foston near the Derbyshire-Staffordshire border.

Blacked out

Nearly 3,500 homes in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, were blacked out after a goose hit an overhead power line.

GPs hit contract targets

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 70 per cent of GPs are hitting the top targets for immunisation and cervical cytology, earning bonus payments of over £4,000 a year, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday.

He published figures showing that 90 per cent of GPs achieved the lower targets under the new GP contract:

immunising 70 per cent of children and taking smears from 50 per cent of women on their list.

Under the terms of the contract introduced last April, GPs receive £2600 or £1,800 for reaching targets for immunisation and £760 or £2,280 for screening for cervical cancer. To earn the higher bonus, GPs have to

immunise 90 per cent of children and screen 80 per cent of women.

"These figures demonstrate the success of the GP contract and underline the logic of introducing the new contract in the first place," Mr Waldegrave said yesterday. "It has given a fresh impetus to preventive health care."

MP's complaint over diary story by Times is upheld

THE Press Complaints Commission has upheld a complaint against *The Times* by Bernice Grant, Labour MP for Tottenham.

When he told the paper that a diary story about him was unfounded, it published a second diary story, correcting some of the points complained of but the commission said it should have published a straightforward correction and apology.

The first story said Mr Grant was behind the boycott by a black American congressman of the Queen's historic address to Congress. The congressman was reported as saying that the boycott had been prompted by a phone call from Mr Grant, who told him he had called on the Queen to speak against growing racial violence against blacks in London but she had not responded.

Mr Grant wrote to the editor that the story was quite unfounded. He had been telephoned by the congressman's office for information on the government's aid record, its position on South Africa and details of the murder of a black youth.

He had never called on the Queen to speak on racial violence and had not suggested a boycott.

In fact, Mr Grant said, he was an admirer of the role that the Queen and other members of the royal family had played in matters of racial equality and Britain's responsibilities towards the Third World. He was shocked that the paper had made no attempt to contact him before publishing the story.

A second story appeared in the diary. It began: "Not me, says Labour MP Bernice Grant after last week's diary report..."

When Mr Grant wrote to the Press Complaints Commission, David Lipsey, associate editor, replied that the story originated in Washington and the paper immediately sought to contact him for his observations on it. Mr Lipsey said a message was left for him on the House of Commons answerphone service.

He apologised for the embarrassment Mr Grant had felt, but believed the paper had done all it could to set matters right.

The commission's adjudication was: "In an item appropriately headlined 'Condemned unheard,' *The Times* diary wrongly accused Mr Bernice Grant MP of having been

behind a US congressman's boycott of the Queen's address to the House of Representatives. The paper said it had tried to obtain his observations on the matter but its message had not reached him. Publication of the inaccuracy was a breach of clause 1(i) of the code of practice.

There are occasions, depending on the circumstances, when a veiled correction of an inaccurate story, as in a second *Times* diary piece about Mr Grant, can be an acceptable remedy, but this was not one of them. The paper should have published a straightforward correction and apology, as is set out in clause 1, sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of the code of practice.

□ *The Times* accepts the ruling, and apologises to Mr Grant for its error.

□ The commission yesterday upheld a complaint against *The People* by the Duke of York for publishing a picture of his 16-month-old daughter, Princess Eugenie, running naked in the garden of her home. In its adjudication, the commission said that the paper's treatment of the complaint was in flagrant contempt of its system of self-regulation.

Delays on key routes

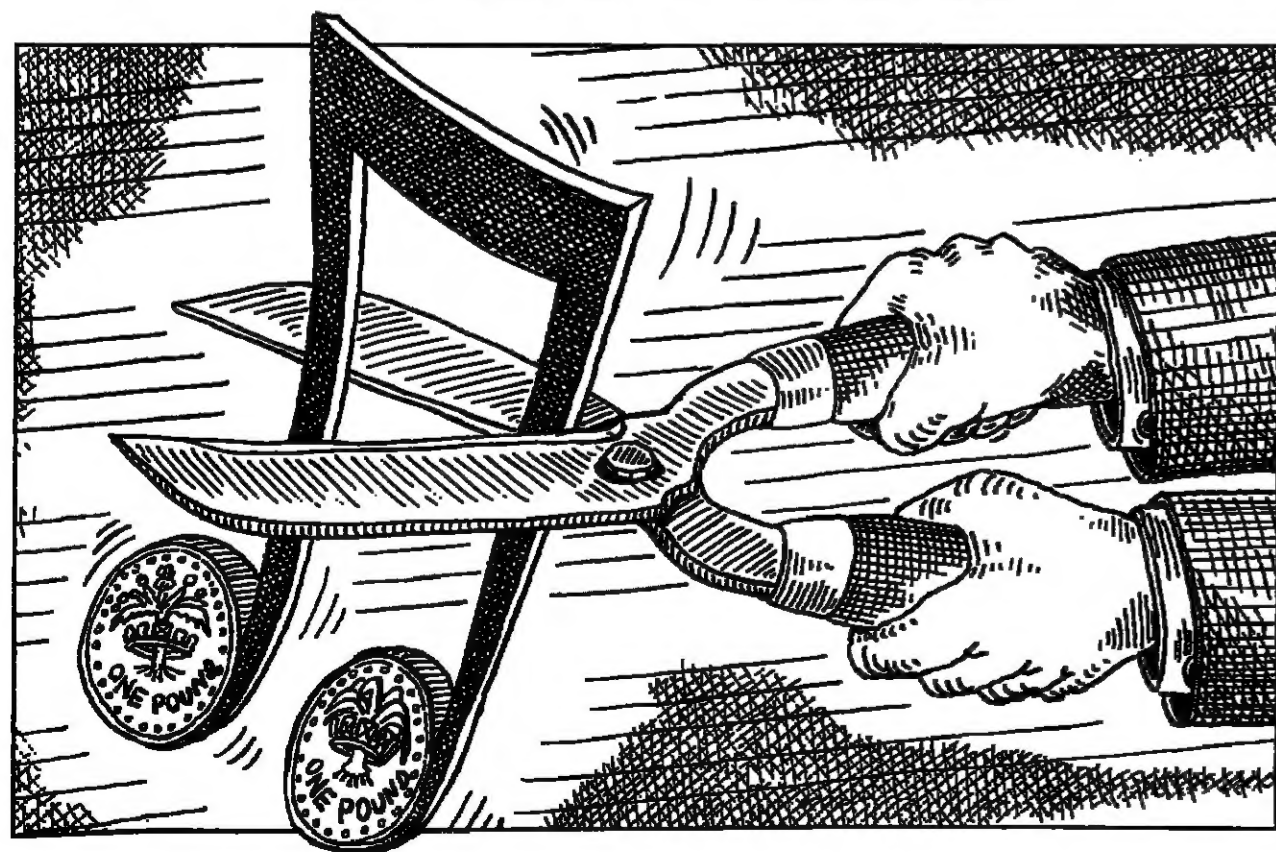
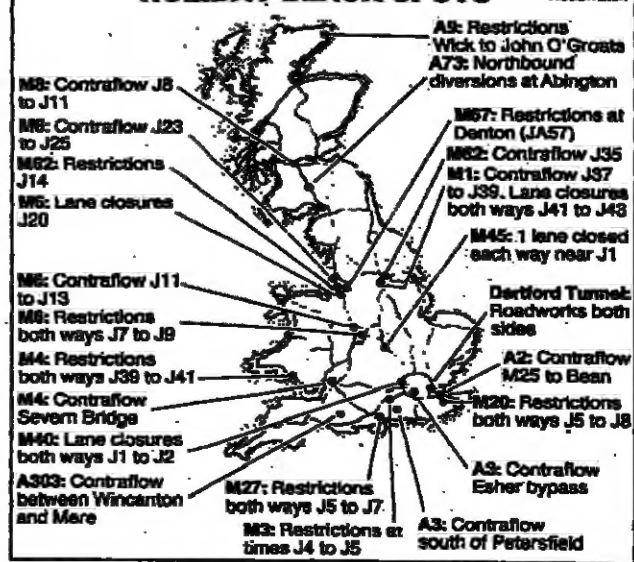
ROAD repairs in Cornwall are causing delays along the A30, AA Roadwatch says. A contraflow system on the M27 in Hampshire between junction five and seven could cause delays for drivers heading for the West Country or for the Portsmouth and Weymouth ferry terminals.

Drivers heading for the ferry terminals at Dover and Folkestone could be affected by road widening work on the M20 between Coldharbour and Hollingbourne. The AA suggests using the M2 and A2.

There are also delays at the London end of the M40 where it joins the M25.

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Airline dishes up pre-flight buffet

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE German airline Lufthansa, which has stopped providing food on domestic flights, is instead offering passengers a buffet at the departure gate. The move is a break with the practice of serving meals on even the shortest routes purely because rivals do.

Initially, Lufthansa replaced the meals for domestic passengers with a plastic box of cold snacks which they were given as they boarded the aircraft. The airline was, however, shocked at the waste generated.

To try to reduce that waste,

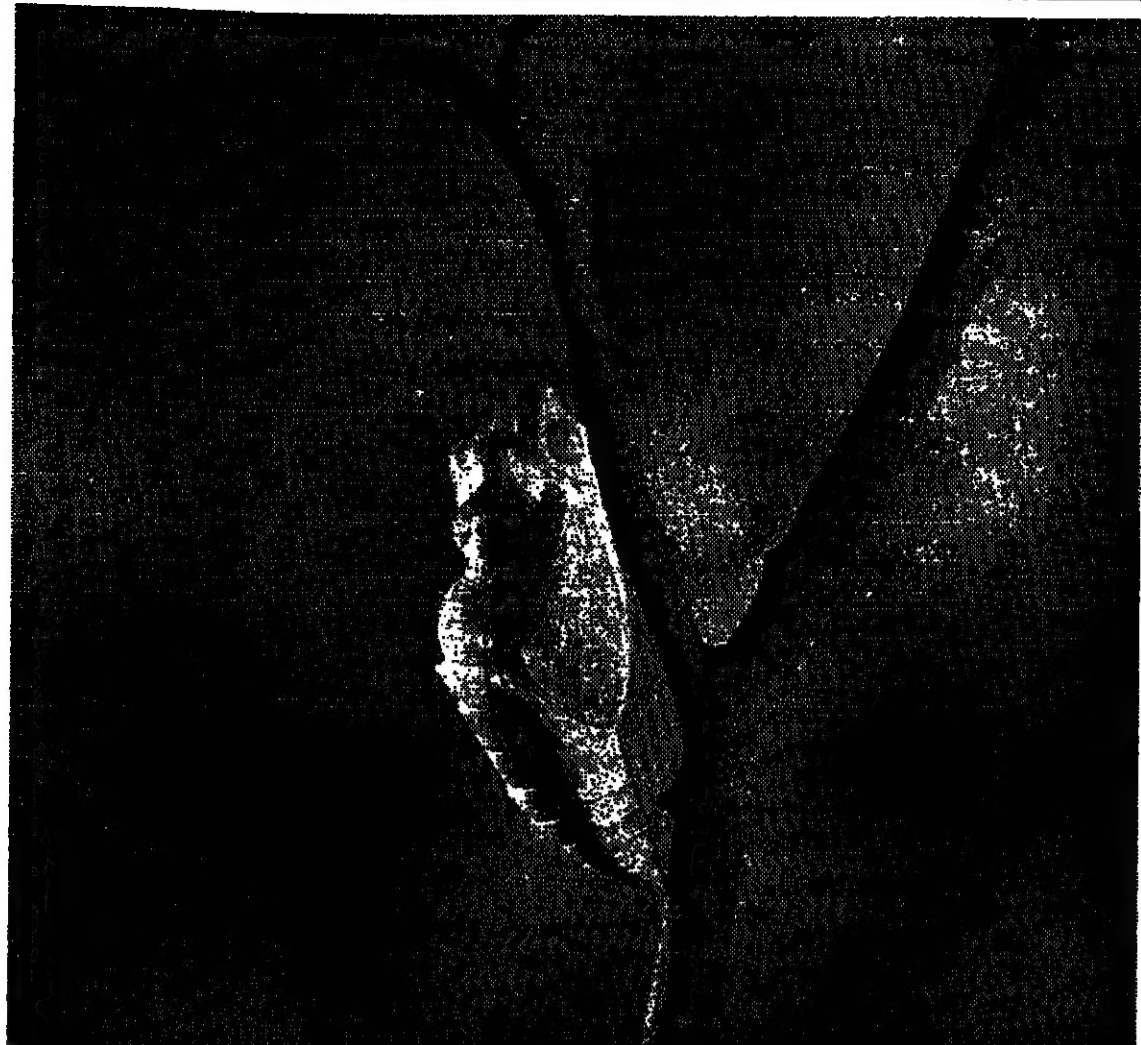
Lufthansa has introduced what it calls its gate buffet — a selection of food and drink in the final departure lounge. Passengers can choose what they want and eat it either in the lounge or on the aircraft. About 60 per cent take nothing or just some fruit. Lufthansa says that by getting rid of the plastic box of food, it will reduce rubbish by 1,700 tonnes a year.

The scheme has already been recognised by the International Flight Catering Association which gave it the prize for the most creative innovation in the environment category of its recent awards. The scheme's value

could be far greater than cutting waste. It will help to reduce the weight on the aircraft and to cut cleaning bills.

The scheme is being watched by other airlines but they are wary of adopting Lufthansa's ideas. BA said: "We have looked at the idea but decided against it for the moment."

British Midland, whose introduction of a full meal service on the London-to-Glasgow shuttle route sparked an improvement in British Airways' level of service, said its experience indicated that passengers did want to eat during internal flights.



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Bakhtiar murder link to feuding in Tehran government

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE LAST prime minister of Iran under the Shah, Dr Shahpour Bakhtiar, who tried in vain to provide the bridge to the new emerging nation, was assassinated in Paris yesterday — apparently an indirect victim of another political sea-change in his country.

A frail 76-year-old, he could no longer be considered a real threat to the mullahs' regime he had implacably opposed. The National Movement of the Iranian Resistance, which he founded, no longer attracts the support of young Iranians and it has also lost the financial underpinning of the Saudis and others.

In the absence of any claim for the killing, Dr Bakhtiar appeared to be another victim of the continuing struggle in Tehran between those who want better relations with the West and those wary of the effects upon the Islamic regime. The aim appeared to be to embarrass President Rafsanjani on the day that he should have been gaining maximum prestige from the release of John McCarthy by Islamic Jihad.

Dr Bakhtiar's death appeared to be a demonstration to Mr Rafsanjani that his opponents still have the potential to stop Iran rejoining the international fold. Reports from Iran speak of many hangings of opponents of the

regime in recent months as the Iranian tragedy continues to play itself out.

Dr Bakhtiar's body was found on a sofa at his home and that of an aide lay a few yards away. It was clearly a long-planned operation and must have depended on infiltration of his personal guard in the Suresnes suburb of Paris. French police stood outside the house and two officers were normally on guard in the next room.

It was not the first time that attempts had been made on Mr Bakhtiar's life. Eleven years ago a five-man commando of gunmen posing as journalists tried to assassinate him. Two died in that attempt, one of them a policeman.

The former Iranian president, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, also a Parisian exile, said he saw a clear link between the crime and the release of John McCarthy. They freed the hostage to cover the assassination, Mr Bani-Sadr told French radio. He said the murder was ordered by the mullahs.

The killing comes four months after Abdel Rahman Boroumand, a key aide who took over the exiled opposition movement founded by Dr Bakhtiar, was murdered on a Paris street. Police said there were no signs of a struggle nor of the house being broken

into. Police and a forensic pathologist searched the house yesterday and the area was sealed off.

The French government condemned the murder, and said it was awaiting the results of the police enquiry. Relations between France and Iran have improved recently; President Mitterrand is scheduled to visit the country later this year following the agreement of a dispute over a billion-dollar loan.

Anis Naccache, a pro-Iranian fighter, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the attempt on Dr Bakhtiar's life in 1980 but was pardoned by Mitterrand on July 27, 1990 and expelled to Tehran. His release caused an uproar in France.

According to a recent book by Mr Bani-Sadr, the conservative government of Jacques Chirac, which served under Mitterrand for two years until 1988, promised to release Mr Naccache in exchange for French hostages held in Lebanon. However, Mr Chirac denied the story. In December 1979, the nephew of the Shah of Iran, Shahryar Mustapha Shafiq, was killed in another attack for which Iranian fundamentalists claimed responsibility.

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Christening cruise: Margaret Thatcher, accompanied by her husband, Sir Denis, being greeted by Henry Kissinger on board the Regal Princess in New York harbour. Mrs Thatcher was later due to christen the 70,000-tonne P&O liner (above), which cost \$200 million (£117 million) to build (Reuters reports from New York).

US team strives to secure peace conference deal

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN negotiators in Jerusalem this week are hoping to complete two memoranda of understanding aimed at securing Israeli and Palestinian acceptance of Washington's proposed October peace conference.

The American team, which includes Aaron Miller, a US State Department policy official, Daniel Kurtzer, the deputy under-secretary of state for Near East affairs, and Edmund Hall, a National Security Council member, has begun work with senior Israeli officials on committing to paper the agreements reached between James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister.

An Israeli official said yesterday: "The talks are going smoothly and we do not expect any significant problems to arise." He predicted that the discussions could be finalised in the coming weeks, well before the conference is convened.

He said Israel was seeking, and was expected to receive, American guarantees about the composition of the Palestinian delegation. Israel has made clear that it will not attend the conference if the Palestine Liberation Organisation or the diaspora or east Jerusalem are represented. The Israelis also want assurances that America will respect policy statements made by previous administrations on the status of Israeli-occupied Arab lands and that Israel will not be forced to cede territories it captured in 1967.

Although Israeli fears are likely to be allayed, the Palestinian side, whose leadership has still not made up its mind, will probably present more difficulties. When the American side opens discussions with them today, it will find the Palestinian response hampered by the indecision of Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, who is banned from taking part in the talks, but whose approval of the Palestinian delegation is required before credible leaders will come forward.

It now seems clear that Elias Freij, the Christian mayor of Bethlehem, who is visiting the United States, will be one of the delegates. There is also likely to be a representative from the Gaza Strip, possibly Dr Zacharia al-Agha who has met Mr Baker several times. But Israel would consider the attendance of Faisal Hussein, the most prominent Palestinian figure in the occupied territories, unacceptable because he lives in Jerusalem.

However, Israeli and Palestinian sources predicted that the remaining obstacles will be overcome by the time the United Nations General Assembly meets at the end of September, when both sides are expected to initial the memoranda in Washington.

● Copenhagen: Denmark has offered to host the proposed Middle East peace conference (Christopher Follet writes).

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, said he had contacted all the parties involved, including America and the Soviet Union, and he had proposed Copenhagen as the venue. According to diplomatic sources, other possible locations are Oslo, Washington and Cyprus.

The minister, Amr Moussa, said in an interview with the newspaper on Wednesday that he thought the Palestinian leadership would settle on what he described as one of several "imaginative alternatives" now being discussed to resolve the struggle between Israel and the Palestinians over the participation of delegates from east Jerusalem. He criticised Israel for trying to set conditions for the conference, and said he believed "there is room for a pleasant surprise on the part of the Palestinians" on the question of their accepting a joint delegation with Jordan.

Mr Moussa said, however, that the question of Jerusalem remained an obstacle to the talks. Israel has refused to accept an east Jerusalem Arab on the Palestinian negotiating team, fearing that this would undermine the Jewish state's claim to sovereignty over the whole city. "None of us will accept any decrees of unilateral actions by Israel when it comes to Jerusalem," Mr Moussa said.

The issue of Palestinian representation thwarted efforts to hold a peace conference in 1990 and its resolution would break an impasse over the new conference.

UN peacekeepers to keep them from each other's throats, but rushed to share the same lavatories.

Now Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers are uniting to fight a British government decision that will make 400 maintenance workers at Britain's two bases redundant. The workers were employed by the Public Services Agency, which Michael Heseltine has decided to privatise. Trade unionists from both sides of the green line meet this month to decide on a course of joint action.

Some 2,350 other Cypriots work at the British bases, but are employed by the defence ministry. Including families, the bases help to support about 10,000 Cypriots. That is one reason why there are so few protests against the presence of the sprawling bases. Akrotiri on the southern coast is the RAF's biggest base anywhere in the world, including Britain. Periodically the large and powerful communist party, which is closely aligned to Moscow, denounces the bases as bastions of colonialism.

The Soviet Union has always been unhappy about the British bases in Cyprus. The bases bristle with radio aerials sucking information from the ether over the Soviet Union. But most of the Cypriots working on the bases come from communist villages, so there is little real agitation by the party.

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Croat soldier is killed as ceasefire fails to hold

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB AND GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

A CROAT national guardman was killed and three people were wounded in a grenade attack on the first full day of the Croatian ceasefire, according to the ministry of information in Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

The violence came as European and American officials began a two-day meeting in Prague yesterday in the latest international attempt to end the fighting in Yugoslavia. The meeting was held up for several hours because the Yugoslav delegation failed to appear. Borisav Jovic, Serbia's representative on the Yugoslav federal presidency, accused "certain Western countries" of trying to undermine Serbia by supporting the separatism of Slovenia and Croatia.

Hopes have been pinned on the new conflict-management mechanisms of the Prague-based Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) after the failure of successive European Community peace missions. The CSCE arrangements are, however, untried. Diplomats said that there was little the CSCE could do without the consent of the federal Yugoslav government, which is divided.

The CSCE is housed in the 17th-century Cernin Palace, near Prague Castle. Although decorated with 30 palladian half pillars, it is sadly dilapidated and is being restored to the sound of pneumatic drills and sandblasting equipment. The CSCE delegates will hope to perform similar restoration work on the Yugoslav federation before the country is enveloped in outright civil war. With 35 members, all

with a right of veto, the organisation is unwieldy. The Yugoslav conflict is the first real test for the 20-year-old European security organisation since it was reborn last November.

Stipe Mesic, the Yugoslav president who is Croatia's representative on the eight-man federal presidency, said in Zagreb he was "sceptical" about the truce "at least until the Serbs drop their demand that all Serbs live in one state". In spite of yesterday's incident the number of mortar and machinegun attacks by Serb militiamen has fallen recently. This raises the question of whether the truce is being observed for the CSCE meeting or whether it is more durable.

Mr Mesic said that local ceasefire commissions would have to involve members of Serb militias, but added that this was a question of practicalities and did not give them any political legitimacy. Zagreb said that, while it accepted the ceasefire, it condemned the resolution's wording because "the aggressors in the conflict are being given a mediating role and the initiatives of the world community are being avoided".

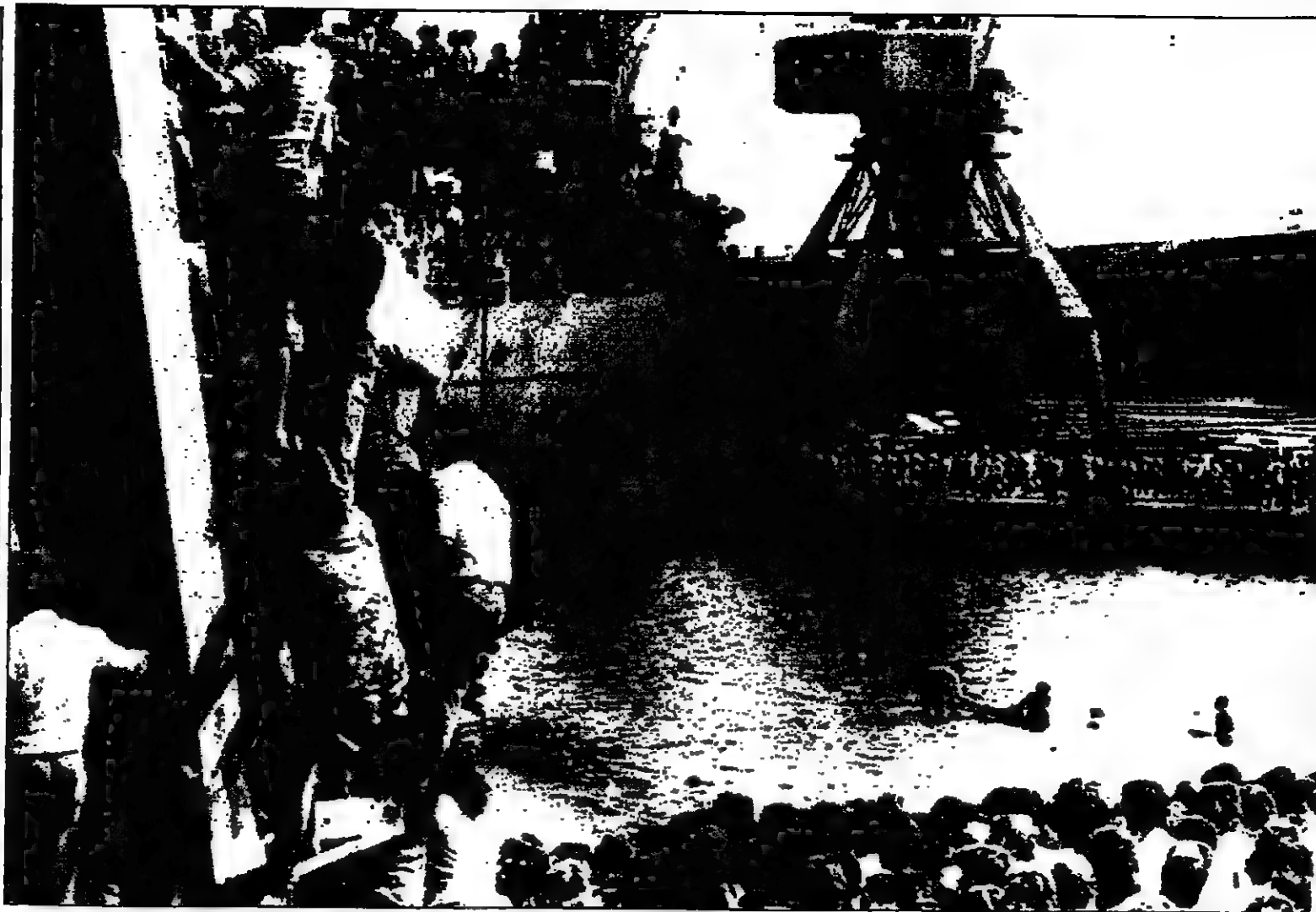
The role of the army was also attacked by Mr Mesic, who said that only one person had been killed before the troops intervened. Since then hundreds had died. "Extremists have been encouraged by the army's actions," he said. He was unable to answer detailed questions about possible negotiations beyond saying that he had to be held with "legitimate representatives" of Croatian Serbs. He accused Milan Babic, the leader of the breakaway Serb enclave of Krajina of being "the culprit behind the bloodshed".

On television, Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, again ruled out any foreign peacekeeping force and said he had absolutely no reason to oppose Croatian independence but that "they cannot take any Serbs with them".

Despite yesterday's lull in the violence, it was clear that, with no political initiative on either side, the truce must remain very shaky.



Mesic remains sceptical about chances of truce



Fleeing humanity: Albanian refugees at Durres climbing the anchor chain of a ship bound for Bari in Italy, where many swam ashore

Germany relies on a new broom to clear its rising tide of rubbish

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

EVERY six months the pavements in the sedate diplomatic area of Bad Godesberg take on the general appearance of a seedy East End boot sale. Ancient refrigerators, collapsed sofas and contorted standard lamps jostle for space in front of neat houses, blocks of luxury flats and even, discreetly pushed to one side, outside ambassadorial residences.

Rubbish scavengers ferret through the piles of junk left out for this heavy rubbish collection, designed to dispose of those articles other collections cannot carry. With their trolleys, pushcarts and vans, these Rhineland Steppes tour the area before the dustbin men arrive.

The other special collection, every month or so, is for waste paper. This is carried out according to a rota that every environmentally conscious citizen seems to understand instinctively. Bonn residents

know how to watch their waste. Which is probably one reason why the suburb of Endenich has been chosen as one of two guinea-pig areas (the other is Potsdam) to test what will probably be



the world's first comprehensive national private rubbish collection service. This has been forced on a reluctant packaging industry by tough legislation aimed at halving Germany's annual output of household rubbish from 32 to 16 million

tonnes. The Waste Disposal Act, given parliamentary approval last April, comes into full operation at the start of 1993; by the start of next year, half of all sales packaging produced will have to be collected and recycled. Under the act, customers will be able to take back the packaging of any item they have bought and dump it at the shop. Packaging does not mean just the toothpaste's cardboard box but the tube itself.

The environment ministry's reasoning was that if shopkeepers were obliged to pay for the collection of all this rubbish, they would urge industry to abandon present packaging methods and develop new, less wasteful, ways of distributing products. Modern packaging has become so useful for transporting, preserving and selling goods, however, that industry decided it cannot do without it. Retailers, manufacturers,

packagers and traders closed ranks to form Duales System Deutschland, which now has 400 companies including chemical giants such as Bayer among its shareholders. Its aim is to exploit a let-out clause that exempts all sales packaging provided that alternative waste-disposal and recycling arrangements are provided by the manufacturers.

The group's ultimate intention is to provide every household in Germany with a separate bright yellow dustbin for recyclable packaging. Until that can be organised, the plan is to provide at least one huge bright yellow dustbin for every 500 homes in the city or 200 homes in the country. By the end of this year about 11 million people should be within range of a bright yellow bin.

The company's enthusiastic shareholders believe their investment will put Germany at the forefront of the world rubbish market.

Refugees swim to shore

FROM REUTER IN BARI, ITALY

A SHIP packed with thousands of Albanian refugees forced its way into Bari harbour in southern Italy yesterday. Many of the passengers jumped overboard and swam ashore to seek asylum. Italy forced at least four other ships carrying thousands of Albanians to stay at sea off its coast.

Albania said that it had put its ports under military control and had halted passenger trains to try to stem a fresh exodus of refugees to Italy. While Italian officials coped with frenetic scenes at Bari, the Maltese government allowed two ships carrying more than 600 Albanians to enter Valetta's Grand Harbour.

The arrival in Bari, on Italy's southeastern Adriatic coast, of the 8,000-tonne freighter Vlore was reminiscent of the influx of 24,000 Albanians into Italy last March on board ships and makeshift rafts. Only 1,250 of the 24,000 have been granted political asylum; nearly half have returned home. Italy said it would send back the new refugees and wanted to give Albania more aid to persuade people to stay at home.

The Vlore sailed from the Albanian port of Durres on Wednesday after clashes between police officers and crowds desperate to leave their poverty-stricken country. Two people died. When the ship, carrying 10,000, according to one estimate, reached Bari it forced its way past a blockade of motorboats and police launches. Young men in swimming trunks hurled themselves off the ship into the harbour and swam to a concrete pier where dozens of ambulances waited to treat the injured. Red Cross workers said none of the refugees was seriously hurt.

US told to release Noriega files

Miami — A federal judge has ordered the United States government to hand over classified documents at the heart of efforts by Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, to show he worked with US intelligence agencies in Central American drug deals.

The ruling followed a week of closed hearings last month attended by prosecutors and lawyers for the defence, the CIA and the State Department. "It is now not going to be what the government wanted it to be — a garden-variety, run-of-the-mill drug case," Frank Rubino, a defence lawyer, said. "It's going to be in the context of what was really happening in Central and South America."

The federal court judge refused to grant the defence access to documents showing whether intelligence agencies used military bases to store drugs bound for the US, and declared irrelevant the alleged secret US co-operation with Panamanian troops to plant bombs in the Panama Canal zone over the Panama Canal Treaty.

The judge also barred mention of an alleged plan in the early 1970s to assassinate Noriega because the justice department said the plan was never taken seriously. (AP)

Afghan kidnap

Geneva — Armed Afghan guerrillas seized Alexander Gheleev, aged 27, a Swiss representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as he escorted home a patient who had had a leg amputated in Afghanistan, a Red Cross spokesman said here. (Reuters)

Kal memorial

Seoul — President Gorbachev has invited relatives of people killed when Soviet fighters shot down Korean Air Lines (KAL) flight 007 in 1983 to visit the remote crash site for a memorial service, a spokesman for the South Korean foreign ministry said here. (Reuters)

Ex-leader jailed

Santo Domingo — The former Dominican president, Salvador Jorge Blanco, aged 62, has been convicted of corruption and jailed for 20 years. He was sent with his co-defendant, the former defence minister, General Manuel Antonio Cuervo Gomez, to a high-security jail. (Reuters)

Resignation call

Milwaukee — Police officers here demanded the resignation of their senior officer because he suspended and planned to sack three officers who failed to stop confessed killer Jeffrey Dahmer's murder spree. The police chief, Philip Arreola, said he would not quit. (Reuters)

News hounds

Golden, Colorado — A former television reporter who was convicted of staging dog fights for a programme called "Blood Sport" to boost her station's ratings could be jailed for 10 years. Wendy Bergen, aged 35, will be sentenced next month. (AP)

Redrafted Soviet party plan sticks to radical line

FROM MARY DEVEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet press published yesterday the latest, and probably final, version of the Communist party's official policy document — without the most eye-catching dismissals of communism contained in the previous draft.

Gone is the definition of Bolshevism as a system of values reflecting attitudes and illusions from the turn of the last century. Gone, too, is a paragraph abrogating once and for all the principle that "the end justifies the means". That has been replaced by a bland reference to the party's

intention to operate only within the law.

Elsewhere, in a gesture clearly directed at party conservatives worried that too many icons are being smashed, the number of references to "socialism" and "Lenin" has been increased, and the party is credited with initiating glasnost and perestroika. A general acknowledgement that sources for contemporary socialist theory include, "with Marxism, other conceptions of Soviet and world thinking" has been replaced with a sentence that reads: "Reviving

and developing the basic humanitarian principles of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin, we include in our ideological arsenal the whole wealth of Soviet and world socialist and democratic thinking."

Despite the changes, the overall direction of the party's policy programme for the 1990s remains no less radical than the version presented to the party central committee last month. The editorial changes have been skilfully made to create the impression that old gods are still respected

and that 70 years of communism have been more than a catalogue of errors. Most of the more conservative editorial changes relate to assessments of the past rather than guidelines for the future.

The drafting committee has, however, included several policy changes that make the programme more radical than its predecessor. The use of a late editing session not just to satisfy critics but also to introduce extra reformist touches is a characteristic Gorbachevite manoeuvre. Among these changes are

repeated references to the desirability of "social consensus", a Gorbachev hallmark, and greater enthusiasm for the market economy. There is a far more positive attitude to business. The earlier draft pledged that communists would not be prejudiced against business; the new one says: "We reject any discrimination on social or professional grounds. The party takes a positive attitude to the useful work of private entrepreneurs so long as it is within the law."

The last edition of the party

programme, drafted by a committee chaired by Mr Gorbachev, was presented at last month's plenum of the party's central committee. Despite predictions of an all-out battle and a possible party split over the document, it was approved in principle with relative ease. The most damning comments accused it of being anything, although one committee member described it as "the epitaph of communism".

The latest edition is no less an epitaph for communism, but it will allow the party to rest in greater peace.

Kaifu visit gives nod to China's return to favour

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

TOSHIKI Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, arrives in Peking tomorrow as the first leader of a leading industrial nation to visit China since the brutal suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square two years ago.

The visit marks the public resumption of Japan's full economic and political support for China, which was suspended in line with Group of Seven policy, after the massacre in June 1989. The prime minister will hold talks with Li Peng, the premier, and Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, and may meet the elderly Deng Xiaoping. On Tuesday he will make a brief visit to Mongolia to offer Japan's support for the nation's moves towards multi-party democracy and a market economy.

Mr Kaifu told Japanese journalists last week that he hopes to restore friendly ties with China and to "overcome the various happenings" that have coloured bilateral relations in recent years. No specific mention was made of the Tiananmen incident. The main issue of discussion is expected to be the need for strengthened bilateral rela-

tions leading to greater economic development and stability for China and, by extension, for the Asia-Pacific region.

Ever since the 1989 massacre, Japan has gone to great lengths to persuade its leading industrial partners of the importance of high-level dialogue and to cajole them into lifting bans on aid and investment. "Our relationship with China is one of the most important pillars of Japanese diplomacy," said Yuki Miyamoto, director of the foreign ministry's China and Mongolia division. "In terms of Japan's survival and future prosperity, China is very, very important." The prime minister is expected to announce a government loan of ¥700 billion (over £3 billion) to Beijing for energy projects.

Mr Kaifu's visit should not only be interpreted as a strategic move for Japan. It also represents a diplomatic victory for China. The Chinese government has already been flattered this year by visits from Japan's finance minister, trade and industry minister, and foreign minister — the faces of some of the most powerful institutions in Japan. With the accolade of a

prime ministerial visit, the Chinese administration will have the chance to persuade its people of its international respectability and emphasise that the world has apparently forgotten the killings of 1989.

Unlike other visiting foreign dignitaries, Mr Kaifu will not be presenting his hosts with a list of suspected human rights infringements. He will convey the G7 London summit message on human rights and democracy but the issue will be low on his agenda.

Indications that China still has the reflexes of a totalitarian state — the reports of continuing arrests, trials and detentions of pro-democracy dissidents — cannot have gone unnoticed by the Japanese government. Japan is, however, loath to do anything that might upset the precarious balance of the giant on its doorstep.

The eruption of another Tiananmen incident could unleash a wave of refugees on to such frontline nations as Japan. "Political stability comes before the issue of human rights for us. The worry of an influx of refugees is very real," said Kozo Horinuchi, the chief economist at the Japan Development Bank.



Bojger: will not change his anti-nuclear stance

Challenge to policy

FROM RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

NEW ZEALAND'S anti-nuclear stand, which has prevented visits by US and Royal Navy ships, was challenged last night by Don McKinnon, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister.

Mr McKinnon argued in a speech that New Zealand should rejoin its traditional allies in collective security. Economic and defence policies were complementary, he said, and the country could not afford to be isolationist. Mr McKinnon resigned as defence spokesman when the National party adopted Labour's anti-nuclear stance before last year's election. Jim Bolger, the prime minister, says the policy will not change.

Oceanos skipper offered new ship

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A MARINE court of enquiry with disciplinary powers is to investigate the sinking of the Greek liner Oceanos last Sunday.

Pier Welgemoed, the transport minister, said yesterday that a preliminary investigation, which took evidence from Captain Yiannis Avranas and others, had recommended that a court of enquiry be appointed. The court would be empowered to fine Captain Avranas or withdraw his licence if he were found to have been negligent, and could recommend that other governments take similar action.

Mr Welgemoed said that the Greek government had offered to send a shipping expert to take part. The findings of the preliminary investigation would not be made public. The minister said he hoped the enquiry would clear up any uncertainties over the government's handling of the emergency. South African port authorities have rejected accusations by Captain Avranas that they were slow to respond to his Mayday messages.

Many of the 571 people on board the liner, which went down in a force nine gale off the Transkei coast, accused

Captain Avranas of abandoning old and infirm passengers on the sinking ship. The captain said yesterday that he has been offered another, new passenger liner, and defended leaving his ship and its passengers before it sank.

He was accused of jumping into a helicopter when there were still about 170 passengers on board the Oceanos some four hours before it sank. He told the Afrikaans-language Beeld newspaper that he was considering another offer by the Greek Epirotiki line that owned the Oceanos.

Captain Avranas said firmly that the international criticism over his abandoning the ship was "unfounded and spawned out of ignorance". All 571 people on the ship's list were rescued before the vessel went down.

"At no single stage was I afraid. I know the sea very well and knew exactly what to do to save the passengers on board my beloved ship," he said. He was hectoring over the criticism, and had initially decided to isolate himself. But he decided to speak in order, he said, to put the record straight. As soon as the investigation was complete, he would return to Greece, he added.

Home guard on Tamils' track

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ERATUR, EASTERN SRI LANKA

SRI LANKA has set up a Muslim home guard to fight the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in the ethnically divided east of the country. A peasants' army equipped mainly with shotguns, the guard has quickly established a reputation among Tamils for harshness. Its principal task is to save Muslims from further massacres by Tamils.

The Tamil-Muslim divide is now complete, judging by what has happened in the Eratur region, one of two areas of substantial Muslim concentration in the east. The 8,000 Sinhalese who once lived here have long since fled, leaving 85,000 Tamils and 40,000 Muslims to live together as enemies.

An army checkpoint separates Tamil from Muslim in Eratur's narrow main street. On the Muslim side hole-in-the-wall shops are open and people are heeding the call to prayers; on the other, looted Tamil stores are boarded up and deserted, and people are wandering around aimlessly. Many women, children in their arms, are begging. Their homes have been destroyed. Tamil and Muslim populations each believe the other is trying to drive them out. Ahmed Lebbe, leader of the

Mohaden Jama mosque, one of 13 in the town, said the Tigers wanted to clear the entire eastern province of Muslims. On the other side of the army checkpoint, Murugesu Nadarajah, a road worker, said Muslims wanted to grab Tamil land and property. "Our people are starving. There are too many refugees from the north." Waving an arm towards the boarded-up shops, he said: "They were looted by the Muslims and the army working together."

The Tigers have driven Muslims out of the northern peninsula of Jaffna, accusing them of being government informers. Most have settled in the east, where a roughly equal mix of Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims make the region a communal tinderbox. There are woefully inadequate facilities for them once they arrive and many end up in bleak refugee camps.

At least 25 guerrillas and five soldiers have been killed in continuing battles with Tamil rebels at the strategic Elephant Pass, according to the military. Twenty-nine soldiers were injured as they tried to extend their control around an army base after breaking a 25-day rebel siege at Elephant Pass last Saturday.

Commandant Anne Spencer, the director of the Wrens, talks to Kate Muir about the new place of women in the navy

Who's afraid of female sailors?

So excited were many smaller-sized newspapers by the thought of women going to sea with the Royal Navy last year that one decided to illustrate its series of features with an appropriate logo: "HMS Loveboat" written on a lifebelt. It had all the makings of the perfect read, young men and women trapped for months at a time in ships just full of cabins, angry navy wives bemoaning their lot on shore, and then the ultimate front-page blessing: a male and female officer caught kneeling naked at either end of a bunk.

Such public prurience has not made the job of the new director of the Women's Royal Naval Service easy. Commandant Anne Spencer has coped with non-stop controversy since taking up the post at the end of the Gulf war. Reporters have been lurking on docksides offering "my girls" bundles of pounds for shipboard secrets and photographs, research has begun into women joining submarines, and June saw the first court martial of officers for breaking — in spectacular style — the "no touching" rule on board HMS Brilliant on patrol in the Gulf.

But Commandant Spencer is impressively unfazed. She has that girls-will-be-girls look of resignation when shipboard romps are mentioned. "I think it's inevitable. We really would be very naïve if we didn't expect people to form relationships, but not on board ship. Not where it could be prejudicial to good order. We were bound to get publicity because everyone is watching us at the moment."

In her office above Admiralty Arch, the 52-year-old commandant looks most unlike the expected hatchet-jawed military woman. She continues: "It's a pity something like that has to go to public court martial, but the captain of Brilliant had already punished them within his powers on board ship." She looks close to grinning. "But that obviously did not have the desired effect."

The director has to be careful about what she says, because the navy is a minefield of easily-bruised male egos, and she must negotiate the corridors of the Ministry of Defence like a minesweeper. For it was only in February last year that the dreaded threats in skirts were allowed at sea. Before, they had been shore-safe secretaries, radar-operators, administrators. But now Wrens are learning to fly Lynx anti-submarine warfare helicopters, and push the buttons on missiles. When they work as well, if not better than male colleagues, sulking occurs.

"I've noticed it a bit among some of the mid-seniority officers, the petty officers. I keep trying to think

what it is. Maybe it's because they've always been at sea with men, adjusting is difficult."

The decision to have female sailors came as rather a shock. A report was commissioned in 1989 on sending British women to sea — after all, the Americans had already allowed their women to go to sea, though only on support ships — but most people in the navy assumed it would float from office to office for a while. Others hoped it would sink without trace. Instead, the armed forces minister, Archie Hamilton, announced in early 1990 that he wanted full value for money from the Wrens, so they would go to sea immediately. On battleships if need be.

Suddenly, Britain had sent women into combat, on the front line, and put itself far in advance of the Americans. Commandant Spencer, however, still treads carefully. It does not do, she says, to go in shouting and screaming about equality and feminism. Quiet encouragement is better. "I think that's where the Americans went wrong. A lot of banging the table doesn't do any good, and I think now they're going back to a more subtle approach."

But the integration of the 4,266 previously separate Wrens and naval nurses, with their own recruitment, promotions, and even different ranks, has to some extent lessened the role of the director, who is more of a watchdog now for women's conditions. There is no woman on the Admiralty Board. Sometimes Commandant Spencer feels like "a masonic wife, for want of a better description. You know a lot that's going on, and then there's a part you just don't know."

When she joined the Wrens as a trainee officer in 1962, few women stuck the job for long, because promotion prospects were poor. The uniform was smart. There were plenty of brass buttons, but it was like being an air hostess without being able to fly.

Not only that, but until a few years ago women who married were discharged. Which meant Commandant Spencer had to stay single to reach the top. After starting in catering, she escaped to become staff officer to the head of naval intelligence, and then worked for Nato in Brussels.

Her training as an officer was very different from the unisex course at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth today. "There was no physical training or weapon handling. It was very ladylike. All we had was a games afternoon every Wednesday. We had drill, just 14 of us, every morning, and all the men used to look out of the college windows and laugh at us."



Sticking close to her desk: Anne Spencer says naval training for women was very different in her day

Lessons consisted of a lot of naval history, and something called "broadening of outlook", which in Commandant Spencer's case was a visit to the Old Bailey, where she caught the Christine Keeler trial. The navy then was extremely careful about allowing women officers to come too close. Even when assigned to one of the bases in the Portsmouth area to work, they were bussed home at night to their own barracks to avoid any impropriety.

Now, more than 400 Wrens are deep in the impropriety of sharing a ship for long tours with their male colleagues, and there have only been two breaches of the "no touching"

rule, and a few pregnancies. People who oppose women at sea may say otherwise, but Wrens who become pregnant are likely to be married or have boyfriends elsewhere in the navy. Besides, this is not a bad record compared with the traditional, though unquantifiable, misbehaviour of sailors on shore leave. Those compiling the Wrens at sea report in 1989 were also worried that the move would encourage "girls of a certain type" — navyspeak for lesbians — to join up. "They are exactly the same. There's no noticeable difference," is the ambiguous and politic answer.

Commandant Spencer thinks that

despite fears that women would destroy the wonders of male bonding on board ship, in fact the mixed atmosphere is better. "You know how you can tell when you walk into a wardroom [officers' mess] that the atmosphere is a good one. There's more talking. It's more natural, and people who have just left mixed education expect nothing else."

Those new female sailors have a huge head start on their director already. When Commandant Spencer joined up, the privilege of going to sea was not available. She knows her job backwards, but she has less seagoing experience than the average pensioner on a world cruise.

How to finance a riding habit

Why a champion three-day eventer is seeking a horse through the small ads

Lucinda hasn't got a horse. At least, this is what some may have concluded, when Lucinda Green, the six times Badminton Horse Trials champion, advertised for horses to ride. How could one of Britain's greatest sporting heroines have got herself into this predicament?

Mrs Green, née Prior-Palmer, is reassuring. The problem is not one of horses — "I actually have four horses and very wonderful sponsors" — but rather of horses for courses: "It is just incredibly difficult to find a top quality horse unless you have a great deal of money."

So Mrs Green placed an advertisement in *The Evening* magazine asking: "Has anyone got a horse six years old or over, intermediate or advanced, that they would like me to ride?" On the train to her home in Hampshire after a day of meetings in London, she elaborates on the "exorbitantly expensive" sport of three-day eventing. "It costs between £12,000 and £15,000 a year to keep an event horse, and you really need up to six horses at different stages if you want to continue in competition for long," she says. "Eventing is one of the most expensive sports in the world. With a little luck getting to the top is not a problem; it is staying there that is the nightmare."

She has been riding since she was four, had her own pony at nine and her first horse at 15. She went from pony club to the Olympic Games in seven years, and has won Badminton on seven different horses.

On first acquaintance it is hard to believe that she has had any financial problems. She lives on her family's estate in a DIY timber-frame Scandinavian house with her Australian husband, David, another three-day eventer, and their two children, Freddie and Lisa. They employ a head girl and two assistants, and there is a secretary and a nanny. Mrs Green is sponsored by Sun Systems, a small company that makes accountancy software for computers, and Mr Green is sponsored by Oakley Press, a printer, and a lady called Trisha Rickards.

The situation seems rosy, but Mrs Green has been plagued by financial worries since she was chosen for the British team at 17. "My father came out of retirement at 70 to

try to pay for my horses, and I think the strain of it probably killed him," she says.

A year after Major-General Enrol Prior-Palmer died, in 1977, his daughter became the first eventer to find sponsorship in order to compete. As one of Britain's top sports-women, it did not prove too difficult. And it surely delighted her sponsors that she is also very attractive. Dressed in a short jeans skirt she so captivated a businessman seated nearby in the train that he opened the carriage door as she got off, and stood waving goodbye.

But what do you do if you lack looks and a name? There are 17,000 registered eventers, with more entering every year, but very few riders win sponsorship.

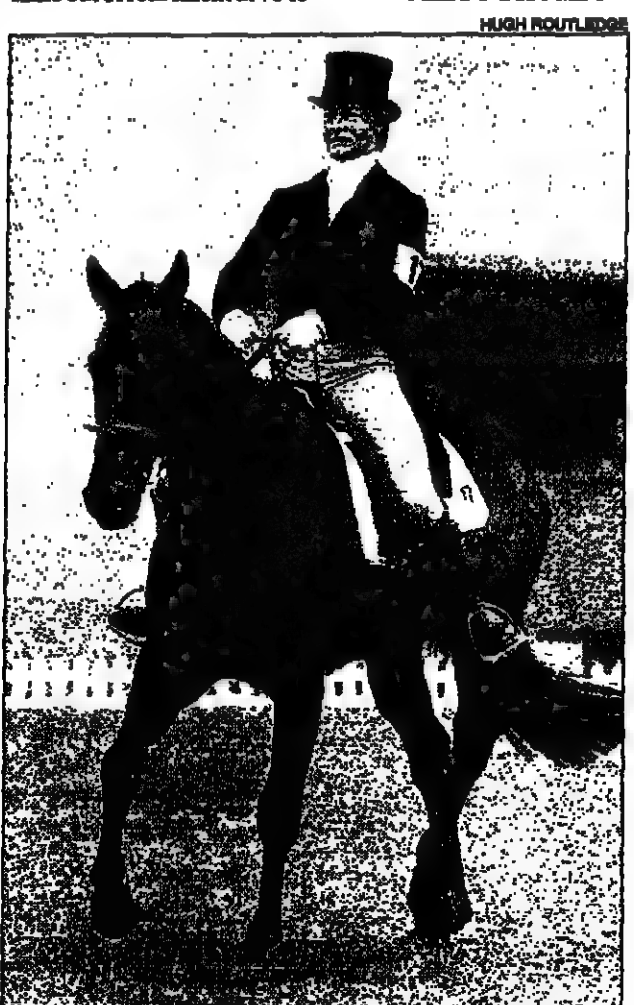
"The only way a lot of them can do it is by selling their horses to foreigners once they have done well in an event," Mrs Green says. "There is such a demand for British-trained horses that you can fund a whole stable for a year by selling one successful horse." Only last week, the 1991 Badminton winner, Rodney Powell, sold his winning mount, The Irishman, to America's top rider, Bruce Davidson, for about £90,000.

"If you are in racing or showjumping there is the social appeal for sponsors, but eventing is a much more humbly event and it is difficult to televise well so sponsors don't like it," Mrs Green says. "The prize money is only a gesture. The winner of Badminton gets £15,000, and entry fees are often about £100. Even if you won every competition you couldn't support yourself."

Mrs Green's sponsors are "very generous" but she still thinks that she will have to write a "dirty novel" to sustain her habit, and she will not even think about how the family are going to survive when she and her husband finish eventing.

But all is not gloom. Mrs Green, who is one of the 12 committee members on the Horse Trials Committee, the governing board for the 170 eventing competitions in Britain, says: "Surprisingly, it is not the very rich who succeed. If you have got what it takes you will find a way, and knowing the sacrifices everyone is having to make for you gives you the added determination to win."

ALICE THOMSON



Uneasy rider: Lucinda Green eventing at Blenheim

Small bed and breakfast

Parents may warm to a 'hotel' which welcomes (unaccompanied) children



And teddy came too: Pippa Deakin in the nursery

safety requirements in the 1989 Children's Act. The walls are sound-proofed in deference to residential neighbours. The bathroom floors are parquet, less slippery than lino and safer than tiles. The doors are fireproof with self closers, there is a child-proof gate at the top of each flight of stairs and windows have safety bars. Any locks on the bathroom doors are placed out of children's reach. Lavatories

and basins are child-sized.

Miss Deakin has worked closely with Hammersmith and Fulham council on her scheme. Although the council's planning department has yet to grant planning permission for change of use on the four-storey Georgian house, previously residential, a spokesman for the council's social services department says: "We very much welcome the idea, and we've supported Pippa Deakin in establishing the nursery school."

PARENTS leaving their children overnight are expected to check them in between 5pm and 7pm. After supper (the à la carte menu will include shepherd's pie, sausages and mash, and ice-cream with Mars bar sauce) baths may be taken in the Duck or Clown bathrooms. The more adventurous can don their slippers, grab their torches and pop into the 30ft garden to say goodnight to the fairies: tiny figures created by Miss Deakin.

The nursery is intended for one-night stays, although in extremis children can stay for longer. The nursery school, which Miss Deakin describes as "traditional, with a Montessori influence", runs from 9am to 3.30pm, but children may arrive from 8.15am and stay until 7pm for the benefit of working parents.

Miss Deakin cannot, it seems, claim her "hotel" as a first. Andrew Johnstone, now a 51-year-old accountant living in mid Glamorgan, remembers staying in a large Victorian house in Cheltenham for a week when he was nine with his five-year-old sister, while his parents disappeared to play bridge. The house was run by a married couple, who entertained roughly 12 children at a time. "From the number of other children there, it suggests that it was not that unusual," Mr Johnstone says. "I didn't enjoy it much. I wasn't badly treated, but I do remember that they didn't cook the boiled eggs enough." Not a mistake, surely, that Miss Deakin will make.

RACHEL KELLY

PIPPA Deakin's "hotel" for children may not be quite the Ritz, but it is a far cry from Dorothea's Hall, the ten-bedroom house in Fulham Road, London, — officially designated a "nursery school with auxiliary facilities" — which plans to open this autumn will provide bed (decorated with a Beatrix Potter counterpane) and breakfast (cereal) for children from two to 12, at £25 a night. Room service will include bedtime reading of classics and a 24-hour nanny service. The staff to guest ratio is generous: one nanny to every three children.

Miss Deakin believes that parents, who may be paying £40 a day for a nanny, or £4 an hour for babysitting plus supper and a taxi home, will find her scheme attractive.

Although she is not professionally trained, 25-year-old Miss Deakin has had ten years of practical experience looking after children, as a teacher at Hill House prep school in west London and as a governess in Cyprus to a family with three children. On her return to England she advertised her services in local Fulham nursery schools, offer-

ing to pick children up from school and keep them happy until their parents returned from work. She has named her new venture Pippa's Pop-Ins, after the nickname she earned for the number of times she popped in to pick up other people's children.

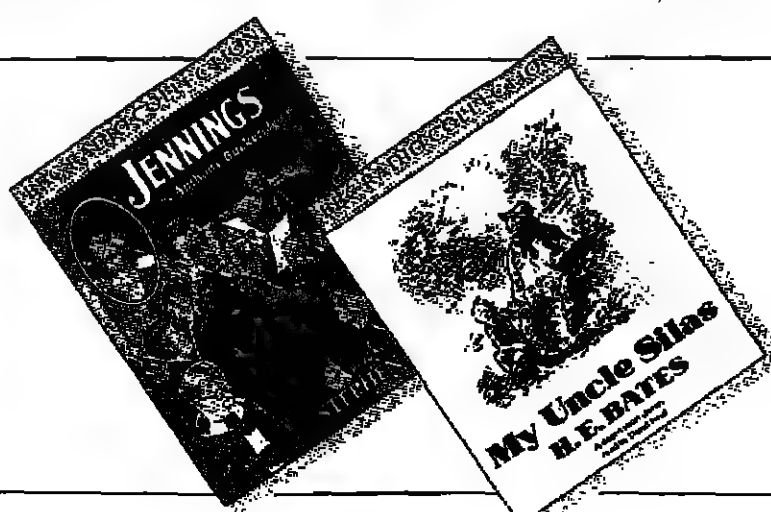
"I realised there was a niche in the market if you could implement the idea properly," Miss Deakin says. Her confidence seems justified — seven children have been booked in for the opening night.

Giles Ashby has made a reservation for Toby, aged four, and William, two. "I've known Pippa all her life," he says. "The boys have already been to the house and can't wait to return."

All the staff nannies will have NNEB qualifications or those from other recognised training grounds. She has also arranged for two doctors and a dentist to be available on a 24-hour basis for emergencies.

The premises have been adapted to comply with the

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Edinburgh Festival: Art from Scotland, Old Masters and several shows from Japan, reviewed by John Russell Taylor

Sparkling performance by home team

Yet again, this year, it seems to be Scotland's chance to shine in art at the Edinburgh Festival. If there is any grand design from year to year, that could be part of it. One year the festival's duty to bring the best of the rest of the world to Scotland seems to be paramount. The next, the festival's other duty, of presenting the best of Scotland to international visitors, apparently takes precedence. Whether by design or not, most of the large art exhibitions in this year's festival are directly concerned with art in Scotland.

Two of the most ambitious, *Virtue and Vision* at the Royal Scottish Academy and *The Art of Jewellery in Scotland* at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, carry things a stage further: from a passive chronicling of certain strands of art in Scotland, they move, at least by implication, into the field of polemics, by proposing continuities and seeking to pinpoint separateness. This is apt, no doubt, in a week that has also seen the announcement of plans (as yet pretty nebulous, pending feasibility studies) for a National Gallery of Scottish Art which will, of necessity, be based on just such an assumption of independent development. It is a question at least ripe for debate. "Virtue and Vision", which is a comprehensive survey of sculpture in Scotland from 1540 to 1990, certainly provides a large amount of material for discussion. And does something recognisable as a distinct national tradition emerge? Lacking as yet whatever arguments may be presented in the show's inexplicably delayed catalogue, one can judge only by the evidence on the ground. On that level, the answer seems to be no. There is much that is competent, some which is rather depressing, and just a few works which really give some sort of a lift to the senses. But in sculpture, unlike painting, one would be hard put to isolate any strain which looks distinctively Scottish.

Otherwise, work by work, the show is full of fascinating and unfamiliar material. Though the arrangement is roughly chronological, this is broken away from to make some dramatic juxtapositions: for instance, of the rough-hewn *Amisfield Door* of circa 1600 with Ian Hamilton Finlay's sleek stone carving (in collaboration with Annet Stirling) *Neo Classicism Builds Elegiac* as well as *Triumphal Arch*, completed last year. More subtly, Alexander Mylne's hobbled *Justice of 1637* is close to William Brodie's classic neo-classical *Education* of 1874.

The 17th century throws up numerous lively works by Anon. The 18th and early 19th centuries decline into fairly deadly rows of marble busts, relieved here and there by the work of Samuel Joseph, who must have consciously cultivated his special way with dramatically wild hair in busts of such as George IV, Lord Brougham and David Wilkie. With the first stirrings of modernism, things look up. J.D. Ferguson's female heads, *Easton* and *Hymn to the Sun* (in brass), are as lively as his painting. Mackintosh's plaster reliefs for the Willow Tea Room are unmistakable. And some of the later pieces are very odd indeed: Charles D'O'Neill's Pilkington Jackson's demented *Deco Maquette for a Battle of Britain Memorial* (circa 1949) does arouse regretful speculation as to what might have come forth if the second world war had spawned as many monuments as the first.

Then of course there are the contemporaries, ranging from Paolozzi at his most magisterial to David Mach at play with bottles of coloured liquids. Ian Hamilton Finlay crops up again, as he does in a retrospective of his printed and neon work at the Fruitmarket and in a curious show called "The Poor Fisherman - Homage to Puvris de Chavannes" at the Talbot Rice Gallery. At least he has style, his manufacturing processes are immaculate, and he does give ample credit to his many technical collaborators. I wonder if he sees *Heroic Bust: Henry Moore* (1990), a Disneyland neo-classical piece in plaster of Paris by Alexander Stoddart (born 1959), as more elegiac or triumphant? Surely Henry Moore must be turning in his grave.



Unquestionably fine: El Greco's *Allegory (Fabula)*, from the "Saved for Scotland" exhibition at the National Gallery of Scotland

The "Art of Jewellery" show seems to be on firmer ground in proposing a native Scottish tradition, though here it neatly cuts the ground from under its own feet by pointing out that the revival Highland jewellery so fashionable in the 19th century was mainly a romantic fantasy born south of the border - though, as with the Gothic Revival, what began in fantasy took on authenticity as the century progressed. Otherwise, the show is a good excuse for recycling some familiar works from the National Portrait Gallery's own collection (as well as some quite unfamiliar from private sources) and for making us look at them in a different perspective: never mind the face, look at the brooch. This is all very instructive and diverting, and it is a good idea, whenever possible, to bring together the painted depiction of jewellery with the real thing.

Saved for Scotland, the bigger show at the Scottish National Gallery, concerns Scottish art to an extent, but is much more about art in Scotland. It is a collection of works bought for Scottish galleries by or with the assistance of the National Art Collections Fund. Sometimes purely local interest appears to be paramount, but not often. After all, no chauvinistic reasoning is required to justify the purchase of a prime Ramsay portrait or important genre paintings by John Phillip and Thomas Faed for any Scottish gallery, any more than it works against buying, say, a major Rossetti or John Martin.

In a wider context, nobody is going to argue about the value of an El Greco such as his *Allegory* (of a boy blowing on a lighted coal) or a Velazquez such as the *Old Woman Cooking Eggs* to any leading gallery in the world. Apparently, a neo-primitive painted wooden figure by Baselitz has raised the old bogey of "a waste of public money", but public money has not been involved here.

Scotland even crops up in the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art's festival offering: though Michael Andrews is not, as far as I know, Scottish. A passionate interest in stalking brings him to Scotland, and to paint there, quite frequently. The Ayers Rock paintings look as inflated here as they did recently at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, but more Scottish landscapes have been added. These suggest that, when not too busy, the scenic wonders of Australia, Andrews still has a trick or two up his sleeve.

'In sculpture, unlike in painting, one would be hard put to it to isolate any distinctively Scottish strain'

Japanese treasures come into focus in a celebrating city

If it is not Scotland it is Japan. Though the nationwide Japan Festival, celebrating the centenary of the Japan Society, has been happening for some months, its events have been too diffused in time and place to make much impact. Edinburgh brings it into focus with several exhibitions.

Why Japan in Edinburgh, specifically? No particular reason, though the Fine Art Society's show opening the Window suggests one. Among the first Western artists to visit Japan, between 1880 and 1900, were two Scots, George Henry and E.A. Hornel (Glaswegians, it is true), and their vivid patchworks of colour probably did more to strike the British fancy than the more sober images of Sir Alfred East, who went out on commission for the Fine Art Society and of Mortimer Menpes, who seems to have pioneered the use of a camera to supplement his sketchbook.

This was how the West saw Meiji Japan, but the view was partial and exoticising. The Japanese were used to taking their Japaneseness for granted through centuries of self-imposed isolation. During that time Japanese art had grown away from its Chinese origins and developed its own distinctive styles and forms. Never more clearly so than in the sliding painted screen, which is the main subject of Behind Golden Screens, a spectacular show of treasures from the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum at the Royal Museum of Scotland.

Not the least absorbing part is the detailed explanation of how the screens were made, with a careful build-up of several layers of paper on the basic frame. They are stronger than they look, but even so their state of preservation is amazing: the elegantly episodic, asymmetrical compositions still wander across the panels with strange inevitability, the colours are as fresh as the day they were painted. There are also splendid examples of armour (richly varied in material), of woodblock prints, lacquer and scroll paintings. A treasure house indeed.



Plum garden at Kameido by Utogawa Hiroshige, from "Behind Golden Screens"

Visitors to recent shows of modern Japanese design have sometimes been appalled to find how far the exquisite taste and refinement they associate with Japan have been rejected by artists of today. This is not

necessarily a bad thing, however. In Zen: Hamano and Ryu at the Talbot Rice Gallery, we can admire the continuation of severity and less-is-more in recent Japanese art through the abstractions of Toshitomo Hamano and his pupils - the so-called Ryu Group. Their continued cultivation of Zen-inspired minimalism is admirable, though might be found too austere for some tastes.

After this plunge into an icy stream, Restless Shadows at the Edinburgh College of Art comes as a relief. These 27 large-scale fibreworks have been specially made by Japanese artists at the behest of Goldsmiths College, London, for an extensive British tour. The materials - fibre, fabric and paper - assume a vague air of Japanese tradition, but the shapes and colours show contemporary Japanese throwing off Zen constraint without falling into kitsch.

Virtue and Vision. Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 6pm) until September 15. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Opening the Window. Fine Art Society, 137 George Street (031-220 6570) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-5pm, until September 7.

The Art of Jewellery in Scotland. Scottish Jewellery Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 6pm).

Behind Golden Screens. Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street (031-225 7534) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until October 20. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Zen: Hamano and Ryu. Talbot Rice Gallery, University of Edinburgh Old College, South Bridge (031-650 1000). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until September 7.

Restless Shadows. Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place (031-229 8311) Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, until September 1.

Michael Andrews. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 6pm) until September 23. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Saved for Scotland. National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, during festival Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Until September 23.

Plum garden at Kameido. Utogawa Hiroshige, from "Behind Golden Screens".

Whenever the name of Courtney Pine is mentioned in jazz circles, the response tends to be the same: a deep sigh and a cynical shrug of the shoulders. For all his popularity amongst the public - by now every dynamic young advertising executive must own at least one of his albums - he has yet to win over most musicians. Envy plays a part in this, naturally: jazz artists who manage to sell large numbers of records automatically become ideologically unsound. But in Pine's case there is also the suspicion that his initial success had as much to do with his image as the quality of his music.

The jury is still out, and *Within the Realms of Our Dreams* will not make its task any easier. While on the one hand, Pine shows more and more command of the post-"Giant Steps" vocabulary on both tenor and soprano saxophone, it is still difficult to detect that essential element, an individual voice. By again using an American rhythm

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Courtney Pine: *Within the Realms of Our Dreams* (Artiles ANCD-8758) Various Artists: *Drum - South African Jazz & Jive* (Live Records MSCD-9-01092)



Courtney Pine: *eliot?*

section (pianist Kenny Kirkland, bassist Charnett Moffett and drummer Jeff Watts), he proves he can compete with the best of the technocrats. Yet along the way he has sacrificed the British - or more precisely, black British - dimension that illuminated his early work with the Jazz Warriors.

The album is more narrowly focused than its predecessor *The Vision's Tale*. There, Pine paid homage to a relatively broad range of influences. On this occasion, in

spite of the cover versions of "Donna Lee" and Ornette Coleman's "Una Muy Bonita", the overall mood is far less varied.

Coltrane's shadow is everywhere. Nobody could listen to

the soprano arrangement of the kindergarten melody of "Time to Go Home" and not think of the famous onslaught on "My Favourite Things". Much is made of the African components of this brand of improvisation. The irony is that the performers are operating at a level of sophistication that excludes the majority of their audience, black or white. The result tends to be every bit as elitist and "European" as the stuffiest of contemporary classical music.

Will the style prove as durable as the township swing on *Drum: South African Jazz and Jive*? I doubt it. A fascinating compilation from the period 1954-60, the set brings together many of the pioneers of South African jazz, from Hugh Masekela to the alto player Kippie Mokoena. The mixture of American jazz and African vocal and instrumental traditions is never less than exhilarating. No grand artistic manifestos here: joy and passion are enough.

CLIVE DAVIS

ROCK NEWS

David Bowie's *Tin Machine* has announced details of an autumn tour: Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0902 312030) November 2; International 2, Manchester (081-273 8834) November 3; Mayfair, Newcastle (091-232 3109) November 4; Royal Court, Liverpool (051-709 4321) November 6; Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-226 4679) November 7; Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851) November 8; Brighton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) November 11. A new single, "You Belong in Rock 'n' Roll", is to be released on Monday.

November 10: Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212) November 11: Apollo, Manchester (061-273 3775) November 12: Edinburgh Playhouse (031-557 2590) November 13.

"American Pie" singer Don McLean may not have his projected musical at Chichester this year, but starts a British tour at the Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591) on October 11. Dates include Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 3191) October 20, and the final concert is at the Regent, Ipswich (0473 281480) on October 25.

The Moody Blues embark on a world tour after playing a few dates earlier this year. The British leg includes Newcastle City Hall (091-281 2606) November 5; Apollo, Manchester (061-273 3775) November 6; Edinburgh Playhouse (031-557 2590) November 7; Oasis, Swindon (0793 534041) November 9; Plymouth Pavilion (0752 229922) November 10; BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297) November 11; Wembley Arena, London (081-900 1234) November 12; and ends at NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4139) on November 13.

Terry Reid: *The Driver* (WEA 9031-74905-2)

somewhere between the markets for Bon Jovi and Neil Young. He is at his best when reaching for the extremes: the chunky riff and roar of "If You Let Her" on the one hand, and the breezy, Latin-tinged acoustic arrangement of "Hand of Dimes" on the other.

In between there are unremarkable versions of The Waterboys' "The Whole of the Moon" and The Spencer Davis Group's "Gimme Some Lovin'", together with some fairly indeterminate material, performed in a way that inexorably drags attention back to his Sixties' roots.

Ultimately it seems that, no matter what technology is available, or what the current vogue, Reid is a musical animal who will never change his spots.

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What can the freed John McCarthy expect, and what does his terrible experience mean?

The cruel effects of isolation only confirm our need for company, writes Janet Daley

Pain that love cannot heal

There is no better way to dismantle a personality than to isolate it. Only by maintaining a dialogue with oneself is it possible to come through anything like intact. But having spent years speaking to oneself, how does one relearn the faculty of talking to others? How does one cope with talking to people to whom one's experience is as remote as a sojourn on another planet? The strain on families while a hostage is held may be only the first act of the drama.

After the euphoria of release comes readjustment. As Brian Keenan reports on this page, life and relationships cannot simply be resumed where they left off. The man who returns is not the one who went away. Nor does his world remain the same. John McCarthy will by now have learned of his mother's death during his captivity, which can only confirm his sense of exile.

The brain-washing technique perfected by the Koreans for use on prisoners of war concentrated on the insulation of individuals from all human contact. Reduced to a desperate need for any sort of social affirmation, subjects were then primed for psychological reconstruction. The only emotional warmth available was conditional on doing and thinking what their captors wished them to do and think.

The success of this process is a testament not to the weakness of human character, but to its irrevocably social nature. The damage done by isolation is paradoxically the best evidence of humanity's most redeeming feature. That we need others to reinforce our own sense of reality is not a moral defect. It is the essence of what it means to be a person. Not to require the confirming perspective of others is a sign not of strength but of egomania (indeed, it is a rough and ready definition of psychopathy).

To add to the horror of the hostage's experience, he may believe that in his own dark night of the soul, he has discovered the truth about himself. The idea that his desolation and malleability are more real than the self he thought he knew could be a delusion from which he never recovers. What he has discovered is that without others there can be no coherent sense of self. And that is not cause for despair.

Because it is unnatural for human beings to be disconnected from their fellows, they develop strategies for survival when they are. To maintain a hold on their own identities, they form attachments with whatever living beings are available.

Thus, the Korean POWs became emotionally dependent on their enemies. Kidnap victims such as Patty Hearst become fixated on

their deranged captors. (Happily, this dynamic works both ways. Siege victims often develop relationships with those holding them which make it less likely that they will be hurt.)

But it is this need which leads to the terrible alienation of the released hostage: what Brian Keenan calls "another and more demanding kind of bondage". For the terrorists who seize private individuals are not engaged in systematic mind-bending. They are not hoping to replace the furniture of their victims' minds with new sets of values; they are not even interested in exploiting the vulnerability of their charges by encouraging dependence. Their use of isolation and sensory deprivation is purely pragmatic. The hostage is a commodity to be bartered, his personal devastation a by-product of the need to hold him in as functional a way as possible.

John McCarthy and Brian Keenan were fortunate to have spent so much of their captivity together. Their conversations, even when they were unable to see or touch one another, may have saved their sanity. In the absence of others as objects of attachment, the resourceful mind invents its own interlocutors.

Even in the more common case of wartime captivity, prisoners often return as strangers. But they have at least usually had the

camaraderie of fellow prisoners (or, even in solitary confinement, the knowledge of their country's support and shared goals). For the hostage, there is only endless pointlessness.

Should Terry Anderson be returned, he will be reunited with his six-year-old daughter, Suilome, whom he has never seen. Of course, such things have happened ever since men first took up arms. Fathers, who have often been idealised in their absence, have been returning to wives and families since Ulysses and Penelope. But there is no common cause for which men like Terry Anderson can feel that their suffering was endured.

Their plight comes back to the importance of communal experience. In war, deprivations and suffering are normalised by the commitment of a whole people. It is precisely the uniqueness of these men's experience that makes it so irredeemably private and disorientating.

It is a truism to say that adversity can bring out unknown qualities in people. Those who campaigned for John McCarthy's release with such tireless loyalty may well have discovered sides of themselves which have enriched their lives. It is only with his release that they will have to confront the evil that he has seen and cannot forget.

On a wall in Belfast long before I left it, some wit had spray-painted the poignant words "Is there life before death in this place". Many times I thought of the humour of that phrase as I lay profoundly examining those same sentiments, though far removed in physical and geographical terms, yet intimately and deeply involved with the unspecific meaning of these concepts.

In my statement to the press at Dublin Castle shortly after my release, I described a hostage as a "mutant creature" and now, one month later, I still feel a sense of alienation; my self becomes a mere observer. But this sense of separateness comes not as a sense of rejection but rather as an inner compulsion, a self-will turning away. A man seeks to take hold inwardly, to direct or re-direct himself. This driving compulsion seems to have no articulate outlet in the world to which I have returned.

Sometimes it seems that the adulation, affection and warmth in which I am cocooned by friends and family is a kind of both/and: obligations, both personal and public. I was unprepared for this, and find it immensely difficult to cope. This psychological, emotional and social temperature change — from freezing to boiling point — knocks the personality out of balance and makes difficult any meaningful response to the world.

Add to this the pressure from the press and the public for answers, interviews, commentary on events in the public eye and the conditions of freedom make it not liberty but another and more demanding kind of bondage. The constant thought that I owe so many so much combines with worry, unreasoned guilt and remorse for those left behind to gnaw at the heart and imprison me. I cannot think of self-fulfilment.

Another concern unexpected but strongly insisted is the effect of my release on my family.

My sisters Elaine and Brenda are very dear to me. For them, the process of withdrawal and readjustment is painful and confusing, and in many respects it mirrors my own. After four and a half years of relentless campaigning, travelling across continents and addressing foreign dignitaries and officials as well as the public and the press, they now find that their work for me, which occupied their every waking hour for so long, has abruptly come to an end. Much change has occurred in them, as in me. But in their selfless enthusiasm, the change has occurred covertly, subliminally.

In the family circle, we have played a complicated and careful get-to-know-me game, filled with fear, confusion and tender love. But we fumble in our separate darknesses, inevitably clashing, hurting and being hurt, without understanding how or why. The desire to protect them collides with their understandable passion to possess their brother. We have not yet achieved that meeting of heart and mind which will allow us to love and let go.

Side-by-side with this intimate confusion is a more public one. We are hounded on every side by the press and media. I am trying to cope with the paradox of being a public figure while desperately wanting to be a man unseen, and at the same time trying to cope with a deeply felt moral and emotional responsibility about the remaining hostages.

I constantly bombard myself with questions. When should I



A month after his release last August, The Times asked Brian Keenan (left) to put his experience of captivity and freedom into words. The attentions of the media, he writes, on top of the pressures of daily life can make the weeks after release some of the most painful of the whole ordeal

The hardship still to come



Vigil over: Jill Morrell will find a vacuum now the campaign for John McCarthy has succeeded

talk? To whom? How much can I say? What will help? And most important of all, who can I trust? Finding a new meaningful and creative bond of trust with the world is perhaps the most intensely experienced problem.

We all fervently hope those men will soon be with us. The kind of prolonged depravity to which we were subjected blurs the distinction of personality. Isolation such as this is a great leveller. All our anguishes are shared. How we cope with them after release

marks the different beings we are and perhaps have chosen to become. Obviously, each man will have to deal with his own public and private pressures. The many questions being asked about Terry White, combined with the lack of initiatives taken by the British government or, more oddly, by Lambeth Palace will inevitably subject this man to the most severe scrutiny and public enquiry when he is finally released.

What is the issue here? Is it not solely the compassionate rehabili-

tation of a man. As responsible human beings who cannot know the degree of anguish and pain nor the massive trauma he has suffered, are we not compelled to leave this man and any other released hostages to find their own means of self-healing?

Some time ago, I spoke to the human rights subcommittee of the European Parliament. I asked this question of those to whom I spoke. How can we speak of human rights unless as a society we practise them? Is the hounding

down of men unable to cope with being social animals again not a kind of brutalisation, and one more insidious because it is masked in a shabby guise of morality and the search for truth? Whatever questions have to be asked and whatever the need to know, such matters must be left until former hostages have come to know themselves fully and to feel themselves reorientated in the world.

In a letter to the press, Jill Morrell outlined some of the problems. A released hostage may have to learn to walk again after being chained to a radiator. He may have problems with his eyesight after years deprived of natural light, or strain the vocal cords when trying to speak normally after years of whispering. All these physical hardships and more I can confirm: small things which add up to a frustrating list of inadequacies. Shoes are difficult to wear for long periods, handling money is strange and complicated.

Spelling simple words is sometimes impossible. When someone asks me to write something, such as an autograph, I occasionally experience a mental block over something simple like writing a name. Then I am launched into a quiet complex of anger and embarrassment, which further complicates this simple request. Most particularly, I find I lack sufficient ability to concentrate on group conversations for more than 20 minutes. If two or three people are talking to me simultaneously, I begin to lose the ability to track their conversation after that short time. Then a similar sense of frustration and confusion begins to take hold. On the physical side, a suddenly enriched diet causes severe problems in the first months. The digestive system is unused to such variety, and it is essential to have easy and frequent access to toilet facilities.

I could continue to add to this list, but that is not my purpose here. I sympathise with Jill Morrell's protests about the callousness and trivialisation of some press comments. But she has my sympathy in another, deeper fashion. Her constant and determined efforts to bring the plight of the British hostages to the attention of the public and the government has made her something of a public figure, much like my sister.

This is why I am fearful that a well-intentioned but nevertheless insensitive press and media circus will be in hot pursuit of her on the release of John McCarthy. Such a campaign by the press adds another set of problems and frustrations, which should be no part of a man's return to life.

As the last man to have spoken to John before his release, and someone who knows him extremely well, I can tell the media that John will not want a circus at his heels. In the name of decency and in compassion for John McCarthy, his friends and especially his family, who have suffered enough personal tragedy, I must impress upon the public and the press the need to measure their activities and act with restraint and humanity.

The strange paradox of the situation is that on being released, we who have spent so much time on our own still desperately need to be left alone. We need to lick and heal the wounds, gradually and unmoored. It is a time for all of us and each of us to have that kind of silence and quiet in which a man can best find himself, and find himself a valuable and meaningful role in the world.

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...and moreover ALAN COREN

Choristers among you will recall not only that the sexual life of the camel is stranger than anyone thinks, but also that the second verse of the great aria addresses the enthusiastic involvement of the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale ancient the options in coping with similar quirks in hedgehogs.

Keep these recollections by you in the little disquisition which follows: like good old Watson, they are the one fixed point in a changing age. Failing that, if, while trawling the old bazaar in Cairo, you managed to pick up a miniature brass sphinx, put it on your knee as you read; the inscrutability of its tiny smile may well prove a comfort.

And now to Mrs. Arlette Schweitzer of Aberdeen, South Dakota. You will, by the way, read the last eight words of that sentence again come November, if you are a follower of Midwestern personal columns, since that is when Mrs. Schweitzer is due to give birth to twins; nothing so odd in that, except that the sentence will continue "...two bouncing (grand)children." This is because the occupants of her womb are in fact her daughter's eggs, placed there following ex-uterine fertilisation, because the daughter herself has no womb. Mrs. Schweitzer stands poised to become a grumpy.

Now, I am not much interested in all that. While it may come as some relief to camels and hedgehogs to learn that their sexual lives are not half as strange as is often sung, I personally have long ceased to be

exercised by breakthroughs in genetic technology. There is a lot of it about, and just because some cytological whizzkid has succeeded in building himself an uncle out of old frog parts, or one of his obstetric sidekicks has managed to so extend gestation that an offspring may remain snug and warm until it is time to go to Eton, I see no good reason to run through the streets shouting up at windows.

I am much more interested in Dr. Arthur Caplan, upon whom Mrs. Schweitzer's limelight has thrown a bright tangential gleam. For the Schweitzer business has not unnaturally — shall I rephrase that? — put the cat among the pigeons (even while some bright eugenic spark is doubtless doing exactly that, in the hope of building a tabby which flies into the grocer's with a message round its leg and comes home again with its own pilchards), and frantic Americans are running hither and yon in search of the answer to the question, "Is what is happening right?" They are a moral people, obsessed with personal liberty, religious tolerance, civic duty, constitutional rights — i.e. with what it could cost if a smart lawyer really got his teeth into something — and the Schweitzer affair has been torturing them to an extent not witnessed since the Scopes trial.

But it is all right now. I quote from Tuesday's newspaper.

"Dr. Arthur Caplan, an ethicist at the University of Minnesota, said: 'I think it is a very kind, generous act, and therefore ethically admirable.'"

Yes, you may well ask. I did, and nobody knew what an ethicist was. However, as I am, fortuitously, an alumnus of the University of Minnesota, I then rang a friend of my salad days who has elected to allow his own leaves to grow green and yellow in the comfort of the old campus, and he not only knew Dr. Caplan, he knew exactly what he does. "Arthur is an authority on ethical cruces. He is often called upon as an expert when moral dilemmas require resolution. Don't you have ethics?"

After I had rung off, I looked at the newspaper again. "I think it is a very kind, generous act, and therefore ethically admirable." Pretty succinct. Pretty straightforward. Mrs. Schweitzer is a nice woman, so it's OK. Not exactly axiomatic, is it? You wouldn't need to read a lot of tricky books, just have them on the shelves looking well-thumbed when the clients came round. Set of rooms in All Souls, devoted sort, roaring fire, college claret, parking space, and every so often the phone rings: "Dr. Caplan, I enclose a photo of this married woman who wants to take me to Monte Carlo. Should I go?" "Well, she looks a bit tasty, why not, that'll be fifty quid."

"Dr. Caplan, Hurd speaking, look, this Saddam Hussein, should we go in and fix his wagon?" "Well, he's always struck me as a bit of a bastard, so yes. Would you make it out to cash?"

I could do that. I can't see anything wrong in it.

Inside broadcast

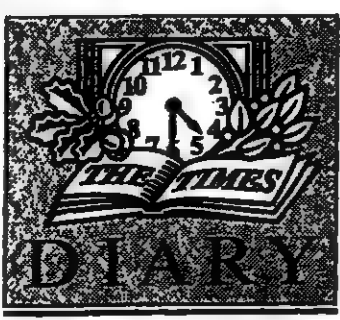
IT WAS the biggest day in the life of John McCarthy, but it was also the most important story that his employer WorldWide Television News has covered. The news agency has been paying McCarthy's wages ever since he was taken prisoner. The total is about £150,000.

Outside the company's north London headquarters, where McCarthy still has a desk, there was little hint of the excitement and jubilation. Inside the champagne corks were popping. Audrey Purdie, the duty news editor, and a close friend of McCarthy's, had had her bubbly ready since the first reports of a possible release emerged from Damascus. "We are absolutely thrilled and delighted," she said, beaming at reporters in her unaccustomed role on the other side of the camera.

Maria Ronson, WorldWide's Eurovision editor, was equally radiant. "Audrey and I kissed each other when we heard the news," she said. A typically journalistic reaction, awash with alcohol, is planned for John's return. "The celebrations will be non-stop," says Purdie. "There will be tears and kisses. He'll be swimming home."

James Thomas, manager of WorldWide's news operations, recalled the day McCarthy was released. "I was assigned to Beirut. 'I was jealous,' he said. Since then, Thomas has married, become the father of two children and spent three years in Hong Kong.

McCarthy has even had the pay increases that his colleagues have received. So will his employers be expecting him for work soon? "That is for John to decide," says the company vice-president Fred Mossion. "John's future is his own. I don't care what he does as long as he is free to do it."



● Spare a thought for the advertising agency Bartle Bogle & Hegarty. It has just put the finishing touches to its "John McCarthy still counts" posters. Now it will have to take them down just a few days after they went up. Seventy-five new ones saying "Welcome home, John" were posted in London last night.

Instant analysis

A PUBLISHING race is already under way for rights to a book that McCarthy's family hopes he will write about his ordeal in Beirut. With advance fees and newspaper serialisation rights, a book by McCarthy might command between £100,000 and £150,000.

McCarthy's father, Pat, has approached Peters, Fraser & Dunlop Group, agents to a number of politicians, with a view to handling the expected auction. A spokeswoman said: "We have been approached by his father, though we don't want to talk about money at this stage. But we are naturally very excited."

If McCarthy, like fellow hostage Brian Keenan, decided to delay before putting pen to paper, the rewards would be less lucrative. Helen Gummer, of Sidgwick & Jackson, says: "John McCarthy is one of the most famous hostages of them all. We are very interested, but he should write it soon."

Andrew Franklin, publishing

director of Hamish Hamilton, said that the book should start on the day McCarthy was released. "It should then revert back to the day he was captured and take us through it. It should not only be a diary of what he did and thought, but should also tell us whether he was aware of the massive campaign fought on his behalf back home. It is most exciting."

Old fashioned

SO WHAT will happen to the piles of McCarthy T-shirts, mugs, pencils and other publicity material now redundant? Most of the items in the McCarthy supporters' office can be recycled. Their campaign slogan reads: "Don't forget the British hostages in Beirut," with a line underneath, "The Friends of John McCarthy."

The Friends are planning to adapt the material to the campaign to free the remaining hostages. "It would be a tremendous



waste to throw them all away," said one helper. One item will prove very versatile. "We have got stacks of yellow ribbon. We can always tie it in our hair."

All at sea

EDWARD LEAR, most famous as the author of *The Owl and the Pussycat*, made his living as a

painter. To do so, it now transpires, he quite literally moved mountains. His most famous watercolours were of landscapes, often in Greece and Italy, which Lear claimed were scrupulously precise: "topographically accurate" was always his phrase in his letters and notebooks. But Vivien Noakes's book *The Painter Edward Lear* reveals just how inaccurate many of his pictures were. "He often moved geographical features for the sake of composition when he got down to work on an oil," she says. She has travelled around many of the sites Lear painted, taking photographs of the scenery and comparing them with Lear's finished work. His drawings were more accurate.

Art for export

IN A typically flamboyant gesture, Gianni de Michelis, the Italian foreign affairs minister, has arranged for an art exhibition to be flown to Italy in its entirety when the Edinburgh festival is over. Within minutes of arriving at the Richard Demarco Gallery, the minister fell in love with the exhibition and phoned home to arrange the deal.

The exhibition features oil paintings and sculptures by 76 artists from Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, England and Austria — as well as Italy. Demarco, who this year celebrates 25 years in Edinburgh, says: "Politics and art are so often separated, and the result is disastrous. In de Michelis we finally have a man who is both politician and art lover. He understands and he gives us all hope."

● Northern Bank, one of the biggest in Northern Ireland, is the only commercial concern in the photograph on the cover of Northern Ireland Electricity's annual report. Pure coincidence? Or does Sir Desmond Limerick's chairmanship of both account for it?



ONE MAN'S FREEDOM

"Time can start again now." If that is true for Jill Morrell, the friend of John McCarthy who has campaigned so wholeheartedly for his release since his kidnapping by Islamic Jihad more than five years ago, how much more so for the captive. Time has a different meaning for those chained to a radiator in a putrid makeshift cell, cut off from the most matter-of-fact punctuations of life such as buying a loaf of bread, and deprived of that most elementary of luxuries, the right to choose one's company.

Strangers outside can measure his long confinement by common markers. To take just one, to have predicted the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe at the time of his capture would have invited ridicule. But for hostages the absence of time has a dimension not shared even by prisoners convicted under law: there is no term to the "sentence". There is not even the certainty of survival. Mr McCarthy knew that in the 18 months before his capture on April 17, 1986 six foreigners, half of them British, were known to have been killed by Beirut's kidnap gangs, three of them only two days before he was abducted. In Lebanon's civil war, thousands of its own people have been abducted and disappeared, many for ever.

One man's freedom from the hell of this illegal and brutal confinement is matter enough to set church bells ringing as they did in London yesterday. Mr McCarthy's assurance that two of the 11 other Westerners still held — Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland — are well and held in "tolerable" conditions is further cause for relief. He has brought the first confirmation that the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, Terry Waite, seized in 1987 on a mercy mission to free hostages, is alive. His compassionate and dignified conduct yesterday in Damascus is a defeat in itself for his captors. But that, he said, he owes not just to personal fortitude but to the bond he has had with those still held. He will not feel free until all are released.

Islamic Jihad has so far kept to the pattern of relinquishing one captive or two, with the intention of reaping the maximum publicity. Each time, it succeeds in its own terms. For such groups even more than for politicians

or film-stars, there is no bad publicity. Even if the extensive coverage reflects no credit on them, they may still believe that the prominence given them proves that hostages are valid currency, a source of power. Typical of this cast of mind is President Saddam Hussein's publicly expressed regret for his decision last December to free all the foreigners illegally held in Iraq.

The real "breakthrough" will be confirmation that this mindset is changing. Mr McCarthy has brought with him some tentative indications that this may be so. He was described by his captors not merely as an individual freed on "humanitarian" grounds, as in the past, but as an envoy to the United Nations. On the eve of his release, his talks with Islamic Jihad led him to believe that the group now seeks "the release of all prisoners and hostages being held in Lebanon... and Israel".

The Syrian foreign minister, Farouq al-Shara, has described the release of Mr McCarthy as "a test" by Islamic Jihad. It wants to see whether the West will now increase its pressure on Israel to free the kidnapped fundamentalist cleric, Sheikh Obeid, and the Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held in Israel and southern Lebanon. Syria says that it has sought to prevent such linkage but that these prisoners should be freed on "humanitarian" grounds. Israel, quite legitimately, sets its own "test": that of Red Cross access to information about seven Israelis missing in action, and the release of those still alive.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, has been given an opening to mediate. Tuesday's abduction in Afghanistan of a Swiss Red Cross worker is a reminder that if hostage-taking is to be discredited, he must seek to end this barbarous traffic without bartering lives like goods in a bazaar. He should insist on every ounce of Syrian and Iranian support to hammer home the message that "reward" for hostage-takers is not in question. The families of those still hostage may still be in for a long wait. But they will take fresh courage from John McCarthy's release, and from the spirit he has showed.

CAN'T PAY, WHO'LL PAY?

The poll tax shambles rumbles on. The more lame the hated impost, the harder it is to collect. Poll tax debts may now be as high as £1.5 billion. About 80 per cent of the "won't pay" class themselves as "can't pay" those on income support who are expected to find 20 per cent of the tax from their own incomes. Their benefits have been tapered broadly to allow for their share of the national average poll tax, but many face higher local bills. Whether they can pay or not, many will not. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, wants to let these people off the tax altogether for the next financial year. His cabinet colleagues have disagreed. A final decision is not likely to be taken until the autumn.

One of the worst faults of poll tax was the difficulty of collecting it. Houses, on which rates were levied, do not move around. Humans do. People are reluctant to pay an unfair tax. So, whereas only two people in a hundred did not pay their rates, poll tax last year was evaded by one in ten.

This year will be even worse. Some people insist on believing, ingenuously or disingenuously, that poll tax has been abolished and so they have nothing to pay. Others hear about backlogs in the courts and reckon they have a good chance of avoiding prosecution. For good reason: Birmingham has admitted that it would have to fill its magistrates' courts continuously for ten years to deal with the people who still owe last year's money. The more people refuse to pay, the more others resent having to make up the shortfall. Some councils are charging the conscientious as much as £70 per head this year to compensate for the shortfall, all specifically identified on their poll tax bills. Next year, the amount may be higher still.

FLOWERS OF THE REALM

A government which took pride in taking on lawyers, teachers, doctors, miners and bankers hardly thought twice about challenging the vested interests of the nation's basket weavers and flower arrangers. No doubt "Let them pay!" was scribbled by a junior minister in the margin of a departmental memo on adult education while sipping afternoon tea. If so he was quite unaware of the banana skin on which his department's heel was about to skid. MPs' postbags have been bulging ever since.

The idea surfaced in the white paper on further education published in the spring. Adult education, the paper said, was a good thing in so far as it was useful, contributed to the economy, raised skills and improved job opportunities. As such it was a worthy object for national or local subsidy. Where an adult education course was largely or wholly for the sake of enjoyment, however — and flower arranging quickly became ministers' standard example — it was useless, and there was no case for subsidy. Those who wanted it should pay the whole cost (and, it seems, pay VAT on top).

But there is nothing useless about flower arranging. Thinking so was the government's political mistake. It has insulted an entire subculture, precious to those who belong to it. Even the National Federation of Women's Institutes has declared war — and there is no laugh to be had at the expense of the WI these days. It is a doughty organisation of a third of a million women, heavily involved in adult education, and concerned for the lot of the rural woman should the white paper stand uncorrected.

Of course, a hard line could be taken against defaulters. Another couple of years could go by while those who have not paid are pursued through the courts. "Won't pay" could be made to pay. Local authorities which fail to collect significant amounts of poll tax could continue to charge more to other poll tax payers. If that means an enormous increase in poll tax bills next April, so be it. If the government continues with its present policy, something like this would be inevitable.

Another view can be taken on this, less principled perhaps, but also a lot more sensible. It is that getting out of the mire is more important than trying to make sure it sticks to the right people. Barring a special issue of thumbcrews, councils will fail next year to collect from those on income support. It is a waste of time for them to try. So, those on income support should be let off the tax altogether, and the councils paid directly by government. Estimates are that this would cost around £400 million. It might be more. But for a government that has already spent several billions of pounds on softening the impact of the poll tax, this should be tolerable. It will be a rough solution, but better than the rigid application of an unworkable law.

This bail-out would of course mean that other taxes are higher than they would otherwise be. It may mean that any residual hopes of tax cuts in a spring Budget evaporate, and the electoral dividends are thus lost to the government. True, all true; but it shows only that Mrs Thatcher's poison pill has still not exhausted its capacity to harm the government. The people will not pay. The government must.

Home Office curbs on asylum rights

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office
Sir, You claimed in your leader of August 2 that the government's proposals for dealing with the problem of the growing number of asylum claimants are against justice and logic. That might be so if the alleged facts on which you based your conclusion were true. But they were not.

The number of refugees coming here is not "soaring". What is soaring is the number of people claiming asylum — as anyone can do once he or she sets foot on our soil — of whom only a small proportion are genuine refugees.

We do not allow 65 per cent of asylum claimants "exceptional leave to remain for humanitarian reasons". Some are allowed to remain on compassionate grounds, but many are here simply because present procedures are so overwhelmed by numbers that years can elapse before a case is concluded. By that time a person has put down roots and removal would be unreasonable. We are increasing resources and accelerating procedures precisely so that many fewer unfounded claimants will be able to stay by exploiting delays in the system.

Airlines are not charged for undocumented passengers who are later recognised as refugees. We waived £2 million in charges last year for this and other reasons. Sixteen other countries levy carriers' liability charges and the airlines have for many years accepted the principle. No one is asking the airlines to act as immigration officers, merely to check that their passengers have a current passport and visa as necessary, and that the documents show no obvious sign of forgery.

The United Kingdom Immigration Advisory Service's reputation for competence does stand high. Independent research by Dr Hazel Genn, of Queen Mary College, concluded that UKIAS

is an example of a publicly-funded representative service which, despite the doubts of sceptics about its independence, appears to provide as good a service to its clients as solicitors and barristers in the immigration field. (*Effectiveness of Representation at Tribunals*, University of London, 1989).

The government will continue to pay, through the Legal Aid Board, for legal action to be taken against the decisions of ministers. The government has proposed only to stop paying solicitors to give free advice in immigration cases provided that there is an adequate alternative in place. There must be some question as to why the taxpayer should pay both UKIAS and solicitors to provide advice when UKIAS is clearly as good as the other, and substantially better value.

Peace and Mr Hurd

From the Secretary-General of Peace Through Nato

Sir, Alastair Macleod (August 6), commenting on Mr Hurd's account of last year's "dangerous living" (August 2), takes Mr Hurd's call to act to "secure lasting peace" out of context.

It would be wrong for the UK to presume we could solve the problems of Middle East security by

imposing a Nato policy on the region. Naval modernisation, the introduction of Trident, is in line with Soviet modernisation of its naval forces. Defence and the security of lasting peace are not interchangeable concepts.

Yours sincerely,
KEN ALDRED,
Secretary-General,
Peace Through Nato,
46-47 Chancery Lane, WC2.
August 6.

Soldiers of the Queen's

From the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment

Sir, The Queen's Regiment is appealing against the minister of defence's order to amalgamate with the Royal Hampshire Regiment to form a regiment of only two battalions. We wish to obtain fair treatment for our soldiers.

We are prepared to accept the loss of our regular battalions with sadness but with good grace. We know that it is a fair share of the cuts demanded and sympathise with the other "large" regiments of the infantry which have to make the same sacrifice.

However, if in addition we have to amalgamate with the Royal Hampshire Regiment — a fine

Looting in Leeds

From Mr E. G. Handley

Sir, In your report (August 3) on the Chappelton disturbance in Leeds, you quote the police chief superintendent as saying, among other things, "we have to police by consent".

Whose consent? Rioters? Looters? Watch committees? Do the police in Leeds no longer enforce the law of the land?

Yours faithfully,
E. G. HANDLEY,
Basilston Cottage,
Lower Basilston, Berkshire.

Lecturers' pay

From Mr Vincent Bissell

Sir, Dr Colin Smith's comments on medical lecturers' pay (August 5) apply equally to clinical academic staff teaching dentistry. In fact, whilst a large proportion of clinical medicine is taught by NHS staff, almost all the teaching of dental undergraduates is done by university employed academic staff.

The failure of universities to follow the usual practice of translating NHS pay awards to clinical academics will lead to discrepancies between academic salaries and those of their NHS colleagues. In dentistry it is already the case that the earnings of general dental practitioners are often in excess of those of academics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pressures on one-parent families

From Mr D. R. Bowes

Sir, It is encouraging and reassuring that Mr Peter Dawson, in blaming one-parent homes for children's difficulties at school (report, August 2), has clearly stated a truth that has for so long been stifled or distorted by parents and teachers who cannot face or wish to flout a moral natural law.

Having had experience as a headteacher for over 40 years there is no doubt in my mind that children who suffered the loss of a parent through death from natural causes had few of the ensuing problems of children whose one-parent situation was due to a separation or divorce or other imposed adult arrangement.

Yours truly,
D. R. BOWES,
17 Millcroft,
Bishop's Cleeve,
Hertfordshire,
August 2.

From Mrs M. C. Tucker

Sir, From my own experience within the recruitment and selection field, dealing mainly with young people and based on at least 7,000 interviews over the past 18 years, I would say that Bruce Lidington of Families Need Fathers (July 30) is right to insist that a child whose parents live apart is not necessarily a one-parent child. Those I have seen who have been jointly brought up by divorced or separated parents have often emerged into adulthood in better shape than the "average" child of an unbroken home.

Mr Lidington is also correct to say that, despite this, courts are hostile to shared parenthood after divorce: in one case, the registrar stated plainly that he would not have allowed such an arrangement, had he been involved from the outset, and went on to overturn it.

Boys raised by lone fathers generally do well (I am not so sure about girls). If they have problems, it is the grief or anger caused by believing themselves to have been deserted by a loved mother. Those raised by lone mothers feel the same grief or anger if they believe themselves abandoned by their father. In addition, a disproportionate number of them suffer other social and emotional problems.

The left-wing political and feminist argument is that this is because of the mothers' financial difficulties. Poverty undoubtedly exacerbates

other problems, but it does not account for them; some of the worst cases I have seen involve socially and emotionally maladjusted children from relatively well-off homes.

Equally, the assumption that "children will only do well in a traditional two-parent family is mistaken. The truth seems to be that single, independent, hardworking parents, who are neither over-possessive nor domineering, overcome their particular problems in order to provide a good upbringing for their children. This applies regardless of the parent's sex.

Unfortunately, I suspect that the ranks of single mothers contain too few of this type. Even more unfortunately, I am afraid that the interests of the children will always give way to the vested interests of adults.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY TUCKER,
32 Crag Path,
Aldersburgh,
Suffolk,
August 2.

From Mrs Josephine Hanson

Sir, A leaflet issued by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in January 1990, intended to reduce the stigma of depression, said that single mothers were the largest group to suffer from clinical depression, especially those in the inner cities. So, in spite of the magnificent efforts of many single women, Mr Dawson can't be so wrong.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE HANSON,
71b Etra Road, SW2,
August 3.

From Lady McDonald

Sir, All fathers, rich or poor, were once financially responsible for their children, whether they were born in or out of wedlock.

If this law was reintroduced and a man had to think twice before making a girl pregnant, knowing that he could not afford to pay for the upkeep of the child he so carelessly brought into the world, then Mr Peter Dawson's million single-parent families would be fewer and, one hopes, there would be a corresponding decrease in problem children.

Yours sincerely,
MARY J. McDONALD,
9 Daniels Walk,
Lymington,
Hampshire,
August 3.

Mortgage payments

From the Operations Director of Abbey National

Sir, Abbey National does not ask mortgage customers to pay in advance, as Mr Lewis states (August 6). New borrowers are asked to pay in 1991 the total amount of interest due from the completion date to December 31, 1991. Interest will be calculated in 1992 on the total balance outstanding as at that date.

Abbey National is obliged to request payment of this 1991 interest in order to stay within an exact mortgage term for both interest and the advance, as required by the Consumer Credit Act. Furthermore, if the payment is not made then, the balance of the account at December 31, 1991, could be greater than the amount borrowed. This is not a situation that would be acceptable to the majority of our mortgagors (not mortgagors, as your headline calls them).

All of this should be explained to new borrowers. I regret that this may not have been the case for Mr Lewis. Yours faithfully,
CHARLES TONER,
Abbey National plc,
Abbey House, Baker Street, NW1.

HMS Endurance

From Lord Buxton and Lord Shackleton

Sir, During a discussion on Radio Four on August 7 about a replacement for HMS Endurance, which has provided the essential British presence so successfully in the South Atlantic and the Antarctic, a representative from the International Institute for Strategic Studies made an uninformed guess at the cost of a replacement, claiming a figure of about £150 million. This was very seriously misleading.

If HMS Endurance is found not fit to go south, an ideal replacement is at present available in Norway, which can be leased for 15 years at a cost of £3 million a year. These facts are known to the ministers concerned and to the prime minister, and we understand they are giving careful consideration to the whole issue.

Yours etc.,
BUXTON,
SHACKLETON,
House of Lords.

From Dr David Tunbridge

Sir, Dr Colin Smith refers to doctors withdrawing applications from medical academic posts. We have just finished shortlisting for a medical senior registrar. Other posts with the same duties are on medical lecturers' pay. The senior registrar post attracted 23 applicants, the lecturer posts attract barely half a dozen.

To maintain parity of salary between NHS and academic posts is not just doctors "feeling for their wallets" but real concern for the future of academic medicine in the UK.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID TUNBRIDGE,
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Gallantry at sea

From Brigadier W. C. Deller

Sir, Your article, "Gallantry in peril on the sea" (August 6), while rightly paying tribute to the servicemen on board HMS Birkenhead, which sank in 1852, is inaccurate in one respect. While the 74th Highlanders were by one man the largest single contingent on board, and provided the commander of embarked troops, many other regiments were represented.

The History of the 12th Foot (Suffolk Regiment), volume one, 1685-1913, contains the following account based on the embarkation returns and a survivor's report: HMS Birkenhead, Commander Salmond, an iron paddle-wheel transport, sailed from Cork on 7th January 1852. She had on board 731 souls, of whom 132, including officers, belonged to the Royal Navy, and 360 officers and men to different regiments, while Lieutenant Colonel Seton, 74th Highlanders, commanded the troops.

The second in command was Captain Wright, of the 91st Regiment, who was one of the two, out of eleven, officers on board, who escaped, and to whose narrative is due most of the information received.

The following was the embarkation return:

Officer Commanding — Lt Col Seton 74th Highlanders			
	Officers	Men	
12th Lancers	1	4	
2nd Queens	1	35	
6th Regiment	1	47	
12th Regiment	1	55	
43rd Light Infantry	1	29	
45th Regiment	1	3	
60th Rifles	1	54	
73rd Regiment	2	54	
74th Highlanders	1	48	
91st Regiment	1	44	
Army Medical Dept	2		
Total	11	349	
Grand total		360	

Most of the officers were very junior, and of the men the largest proportion were recruits.

Yours faithfully,
W. C. DELLER (President),
The Suffolk Regiment Association and the Royal Anglian Regiment Association (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire branch).

The Keep,
Gibraltar Barracks,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk,
August 6.

Accident prone

From Dr John Doherty

Sir, Martin Jacques (August 7) complains that Euroblunders has taken the adventure out of motoring from London to Rome.

If only it were so. Back axles may no longer break, but in recent trips I have been re-routed, run into, and robbed. I have seen cars boil over and drivers run over. I have tried flying (diverted) and train (delayed).

Your columnist is welcome to join me on the next expedition.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOHERTY,
Via Cleante,
Casale Palocco,
Rome 00124,
August 8.

SOCIAL NEWS

Christenings

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Charles Gordon was christened Louise Anne by Mr Charles Caruana, Prelate of Honour to His Holiness The Pope and Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gibraltar, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Cathedral of St Mary the Crowned, Gibraltar, on Thursday, August 1, 1991. The godparents are Mrs Margaret Buxton, Mrs Romy Raposo, Mr Neil Roberts and Mr Horacio Negro.

James F.F. Gordon and Mr Anthony W.J. Lombard.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry V. reigned 1413-22. Monmouth, 1387; Isaac Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*, Stafford, 1593; Thomas Telford, road bridge and canal builder, Westerkirk, Dumfries, 1757; Philip Larkin, poet, Coventry, 1922.

DEATHS: Maarten Tromp, Dutch admiral, killed in an engagement with the British, 1653; Frederick Marryat, novelist, Langham, Norfolk, 1848; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Goslar, Norway, 1899; Ruggiero Leoncavallo, composer, Montecatini Terme, Italy, 1919.

Service dinner

Army Catering Corps Brigadier J.B. Bloxham, Director of the Army Catering Corps, was dined out at a ladies' night dinner held last night at the HQ Mess, Aldershot. Lieutenant-General Sir John Wiley, representative Colonel Commandant, presided.

British Psychological Society

The following have been elected to fellowship of the society: Dr Paul Raymond Gilbert, Dr Derek Leslie Milne, Dr Paul Martin Salkovskis, Dr Suzanne Margaret Skivington, Dr Peter Jonathan Cooper, Dr John Gerald Greene, Dr Richard Stuart Hallam, Dr Elizabeth Alice Winters and Dr Andrew Whelan.

British Safety Council

The Indonesian Ambassador and the Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka attended an awards presentation held by the British Safety Council at the Royal Overseas League yesterday for holders of the International Diploma in Safety Management. Mr James Tye, director general, was the host.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.A. Butler and Miss C.P. Bellis. The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Butler, of Warrash, Hampshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bellis, of Alvediston, Wiltshire.

Mr L.M. Greaves and Miss F.E.M. Steel. The engagement is announced between Ian Matthew, youngest son of Mrs Jean Greaves, of Keyworth, Nottingham, and Frances Elizabeth May, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Steel, of Bledington, Gloucestershire.

Flight-Lieutenant J. Head and Miss A.S. Marr. The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Professor and Mrs P.J. Head, Hunter's Moon, Buttleigh, Somerset, and Anne Sarah, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs T.C.K. Marr, Wade House, Elm, File.

Mr P.S. Lamb and Miss E.A. Smart. The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs N. Lamb, of Tolcarne, Pinetree Grove, Middleton-St-George, Co Durham, and Elspice, daughter of Captain and Mrs S. Smart, of Prinsted, Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr C.M. Layton and Miss E.A. Bell. The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Layton, of Lymington, and Katy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bell, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Dr R.J. Ober and Dr E.S. Ward. The engagement is announced between Raimund, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Ober, of Rotwell, Germany, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.Y. Ward, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr C.M.T. Tatham and Miss H.M. Allen. The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Tatham, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, and Heather, second daughter of Mr and Mrs H.M. Allen, of Lisburn, County Antrim.

Mr C.P.M. Duffy and Miss L.A. Gordon-Smith. The engagement is announced between Craig Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Duffy, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Louise Anna, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander Peter Gordon-Smith, RN, and Mrs Gordon-Smith, of Up Marden, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr J.T. Guest Albert and Miss H.A.J. Gray. The engagement is announced between Justin Thomas, eldest child of Mr and Mrs Robert Albert, of Cabalva House, Herefordshire, and Hester Amanda Jessica, eldest daughter of Mrs Rose Gray, of Westbourne Terrace, London, and Michael Selby Gray, of Argyll.

Mr P.T. Hall and Miss C.E. Dunn. The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Hall, of Little Walsingham, Suffolk, and Corinne, daughter of Mrs Hilary Hicks Dunn, of Easton Socon, Cambridgeshire, and Mr David Dunn, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr A.M. Wheeler and Miss M.J. Downs. The engagement is announced between Andrew Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Wheeler, of Yaxton Keywell, Wiltshire, and Melanie Jayne Downs, M.A.F., elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Downs, of Hindon, Wiltshire.

Mr B.R.C. Widd and Miss C.M. Hunt. The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of the late Mr Joseph Widd, RAFVR, and the late Mrs Violet Widd, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Rosie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Hunt, of Knights, Enham, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr S.D. York and Miss A.K. Norman. The engagement is announced between Simon David, son of Mr David York, of South Heston, Surrey, and Mrs Stephanie Biddon-Howell, of Richmond, Surrey, and Amanda Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Norman, of Esher, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr R.J.J. Stokes-Rhys and Miss P.S. Taylor. The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at the Parish Chapel of St John, Aust, near the Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stokes-Rhys, of London, and Bracton, Rosshire, and Miss Philippa Sarah Taylor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Taylor, of Aust, The Right Rev. Mr William Mitchell, V.C., officiated, assisted by the Very Rev. The Prior of Ampleforth, Dom Antony Sutch, O.S.B., and the Very Rev. Canon Antony Cotter.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Holly Charrington, Berks, Maxwell, Peter Liddell-Grainger and Hamish Barker. Mr Ian Ogilvie was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent on the Continent.

Mr C.J. Lippke and Miss M. Aitward. The marriage took place on August 3, at St Joseph's Church, Hanwell, London, between Mr Christopher John Lippke, of Connecticut, USA, and Miss Julie Ann Aitward, of London.

London's past goes on show in new museum

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of archaeological finds from London's past are to go on display in a new museum near the Tower of London. The display forms part of a series of tableaux depicting the history of London from Roman times to the Blitz.

The pagant is technically a "dark ride", in which visitors sit in an electric car and are transported past the tableaux. "The format builds and advances on the presentation techniques used at the acclaimed Jorvik Viking Centre in York", said Andrew Hamilton, who is developing the facility. "I believe that a large measure of the success of Jorvik is attributable to the combination of education with entertainment, which we have tried to duplicate".

Some 2,000 objects from Museum in London over the past 20 years will illustrate 2,000

years of history. Roman, Saxon and medieval finds are to be displayed in a new archaeological evidence for London's history," Mr Hamilton said.

The Tower Hill Pagant will be housed in Victorian wine vaults west of the Tower of London. A "scenic lift" will take visitors down past archaeological strata to AD 43, the year of Claudius's conquest of southern Britain, and they will then pass displays "vividly illustrating the constant sequence of destruction and rebuilding over the next two thousand years", Mr Hamilton said.

The sequence has been "meticulously researched and approved by the Museum of London", he said. The museum has also assembled the final display of finds. The project, which has cost £10 million, will be formally opened by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alexander Graham, on September 5.

OBITUARIES

SHAPOUR BAKHTIAR

Dr Shapour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister under the Shah of Iran, was found dead from stab wounds yesterday aged 77 at his home outside Paris. He was born on June 26, 1914.

SHAPOUR Bakhtiar was a politician of liberal persuasion who opposed both the Shah of Iran's regime and the fundamentalist rule introduced by Ayatollah Khomeini. He was a deputy minister during the National Front government of Dr Mohammad Mossadegh from 1951 to 1953 and, although he was imprisoned several times during the Shah's reign, it was to him that the Shah turned in January 1979 in a last desperate bid to save the monarchy from the fundamentalist revolutionaries. He agreed to become prime minister on condition that the Shah went into exile but after five stormy weeks in office during which he strove to introduce radical reforms Bakhtiar was forced to resign in despair as Khomeini was swept to power on a tide of fundamentalist fervour. Five months later Bakhtiar established himself in Paris from where he headed the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance. He favoured the institution of a constitutional monarchy under the Shah's son, Reza Pahlavi.

Shapour Bakhtiar's life-long stance on the centre-left of his country's politics was largely determined by the circumstances of his birth. His father, a scholar and a chieftain of the ancient Bakhtiari tribe in south-western Iran, was hanged by Reza Shah after a dispute with the central government, and his grandfather, who was prime minister twice under the previous dynasty of the Qajar shahs, had been one of the main leaders of the civil war that earned for the country a parliamentary mode of government at the beginning of the century.

After the death of his mother when he was seven, Bakhtiar was educated in Iran, the Lebanon and France, where he obtained degrees in law and philosophy from the Sorbonne. Before returning to Iran, he spent eleven years in France, with the result that he became involved in the turbulent politics of pre-war Europe. Showing some interest early on in the rise of German nationalism, he was alienated by the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and the Nuremberg rallies, at one of which he sat a short distance from Hitler at the invitation of German friends. Subsequently he supported the cause of Republican Spain and voluntarily joined the French Army on the outbreak of the second world war. The previous year he had married a French woman.

According to his autobiography *Ma Fidéité* (Edition Albin Michel, Paris, 1982) his artillery unit saw very little action, though at one time it was surrounded by the Germans, and Bakhtiar soon found himself posted to the Spanish border region after the signing of the French armistice treaty. However, he never lost confidence in the ultimate victory of the allies and spent 15 days in a military jail for fighting a fellow officer who saw little hope for France and Britain.

For the remainder of the war, he transferred his wife and two children to the small town of Saint-Nicolas-du-Pélem and acted as a courier in the resistance between Paris and Brittany. He also permitted the resistance to use his apartment in Paris and helped to hide an American airman, coming



close to capture by the Gestapo several times. Towards the end of the war, Bakhtiar returned to the Sorbonne to obtain a doctorate in law, his prophetic thesis being on the relationship between church and state in the classical world. For the rest of his life he would remain committed to secularism in politics.

On his return to Iran in 1946, he was received kindly by the young Mohammad-Reza Shah, whose German father, Reza Shah, had died the previous year in exile in Johannesburg. Bakhtiar joined the new Ministry of Labour, rising to its top position of permanent secretary within four years before being sacked for displeasing the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (later BP) and the Shah for advocating radical reforms in the area of labour relations.

According to his own account his main aim had been to reduce the influence of the pro-Soviet Tudeh (communist) Party among oil workers, but the real reason for earning the displeasure of the palace may have been his growing links with Dr Mohammad Mossadegh, the nationalist aristocrat and member of the Majlis (parliament) who advocated the nationalisation of the oil industry and the curbing of the power of the monarch. Bakhtiar had joined Mossadegh's Iran Party immediately after his return from France.

He became minister of state for labour in Mossadegh's second cabinet in 1951 and played an active part in guiding Iran's defence of its nationalisation of British oil assets at the International Court of Justice at The Hague and at the United Nations. However, he found himself in prison following the coup that toppled the

nationalist government in August, 1953. Having turned down the offer of a full seat in the new cabinet of General Zahir, he spent nearly six years in jail over the next 23 years, the first term for "insulting the Monarch and co-operating with the Tudeh Party", despite his well-known anti-communism. His continued opposition to the new regime was especially intolerable on account of his being related to Queen Soraya.

His underground activities at this period included the setting up (with, among other Mossadeghites, Mehdi Bazargan, the future first prime minister of the Islamic republic) of printing units for anti-government publications and the direction of efforts to get opposition supporters elected to parliament, a largely futile pursuit. But he did play an important part in 1962 in preventing the Mossadeghite National Front coalition of parties and societies aligning itself with Islamic fundamentalist rioters led by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Sixteen years later in 1978, by which time he had become the Front's deputy leader, he would be defeated on this same point by three votes to two. When rioters had taken over the streets all over the country, he broke away from his colleagues on the council of the National Front and was turned to by the Shah to come to the rescue of his tottering dynasty by forming a government.

So weak was the Shah's position by then that he accepted Bakhtiar's condition (and apparently the United States' recommendation) that he leave the country, so that Bakhtiar's claim that liberals were at last in charge of Iran would sound credible. Knowing that time was not on his

side, Bakhtiar and his cabinet of former National Front figures set out on a programme of radical changes: press freedom was restored; all political detainees were freed; the hated SAVAK secret police agency was disbanded; and the enormous assets of the palace in the Pahlavi Foundation were transferred to the government.

Bakhtiar later wrote that his request to the Shah to leave the country was not a heartfelt desire but the consequence of hard-headed deliberation: if the Government succeeded in restoring stability to Iran, the Shah would resume his plotting. "After all, I would never be as strong as Mossadegh."

But Iran's first liberal government for 25 years lasted only 37 days. The vast majority of the country's mosques were now controlled by supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini who, after his return from exile on February 1, 1979, appointed Mehdi Bazargan, Bakhtiar's former fellow inmate and colleague in the National Front, as provisional prime minister with the mission to seize the reins of government from its "present usurpers" as soon as possible.

Nine days later, fighting broke out all over Tehran after the rebellion of a unit of the air force. Army barracks and police stations were attacked by mobs of fundamentalists and armed left-wing pariahs, resulting in "a declaration of neutrality" by the chiefs of staff of the armed forces, who were all appointees of the Shah. Bakhtiar went underground and surfaced in Paris in July. His premiership had come too late to have a chance of success. For this he blamed the Shah and the US "which did not contact the Iranian opposition for 20 years".

In Paris Bakhtiar formed a party out of his supporters in exile, the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance. He was sentenced to death in absentia by the Tehran authorities and was heavily guarded by the French police following two assassination attempts on his life by men pledged to the Ayatollah. In one of these incidents in July 1980, four Arabs attacked his flat, shooting dead a policeman and a neighbour. He lived under permanent guard, mounted by four French policemen and his own security men. He expressed disquiet last year when the French government, which was seeking to improve relations with Iran, freed Anis Naccache, the Lebanese who had been jailed for the assassination attempt.

During Iran's war with Iraq Bakhtiar criticised the west for supplying the Khomeini regime with military spare-parts and called for a boycott of Iran's oil. He formed an alliance with another liberal former prime minister, Dr Ali Amini, who shared his aim of restoring a constitutional monarchy in Iran but was scathing in his attacks on his left-wing rivals, the National Resistance Council headed by ex-president Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and the Mujahedin leader, Mansur Rajavi, both of whom also lived in Paris.

Bakhtiar was twice married. He had two sons and two daughters from his first marriage to a Frenchwoman. His second wife was Iranian. Away from politics, he was a keen mountain climber and loved Persian and French poetry.

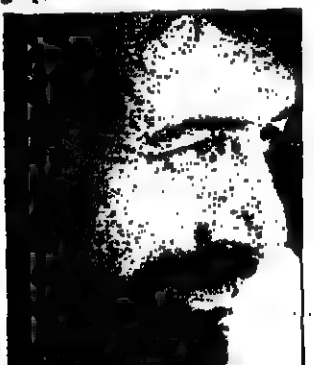
RICHARD HESS

Richard Hess, artist and designer, died on August 3 aged 57 after a short illness. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on May 27, 1934.

RICHARD Hess was a self-taught artist who became one of America's leading painter/illustrators. His work was in the American tradition of primitive painting, to which he added his own wit and surrealism. His career began modestly enough when at 17 he created the painting-by-numbers kits for the Palmer Paint Company in Detroit. He was then asked to design brochures and packaging for the company; as he knew nothing about graphics, he went out and bought a copy of *American Artist*. An article on Paul Rand inspired him to become a graphic designer. The article and some night-school classes in graphics were the only formal art training Hess received. A few years later he had won the first and third prizes in an Art Directors' Club competition. Soon he was working as an art director in advertising, at first with J. Walter Thompson, later with Benton & Bowles. He was only 27.

In 1965 he started his own design firm, working for a range of clients including Dupont, IBM, Pan Am and Xerox. In 1966 he redesigned *Evergreen* magazine and *Vista* for the United Nations.

When he was 37, he returned to his first love, painting. For 15 years he worked regularly for *Time* magazine, *TV Guide*, *New York* magazine and *Esquire*. He had a remarkable gift for satirical portraiture and conceptual images. His portrait for *Esquire* of Lyndon Johnson as a painting-by-numbers kit was a graphic classic. His cover for



Time's bicentennial issue was a tour de force, showing the variety of ethnic groups in America.

His most recent work was a series of posters for the New York City Opera — images to evoke their repertoire from Sondheim to Schoenberg. The paintings cover an equally wide range of visual styles, all executed with great flair and panache.

Hess frequently lectured at universities and seminars. He knew how to communicate his own enthusiasm for graphic art with humour and humanity. He was a large, amiable man, who looked like a sophisticated cowboy (which, indeed, he had been at one time).

He had a great passion for painting and worked very long hours, often into the night, usually late for the deadlines publishing imposed. While he worked he liked listening to music or old movies and had a collection of about 3,000 neatly catalogued videos. Hess lived on a large farm in Connecticut, where he juggled with the demands of his career, his large household and his two handicapped children, Adam and Sarah. He is survived by them and his painter son, Mark. His two marriages were dissolved.

He had several one-man shows of his paintings in New York, London, Paris and Tokyo, and also exhibited at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Pavillon de Marsan, Palais de Louvre, Milan's Castello Sforzesco, the Venice Biennale and the Detroit Museum of Art. His work is in the permanent collections of many major museums including the Smithsonian and the Museum of Modern Art. He was last month elected into the New York Art Directors' Club Hall of Fame.

PROFESSOR MAX ROSTAL

Professor Max Rostal, CBE, British violinist and violin teacher, died on August 6 aged 85. He was born in Teschen, Silesia, on August 7, 1905.

MAX Rostal was one of the seminal figures in the violin world during the post-war era. His playing displayed a kind of questioning insight and adventurousness that stood him apart from the normal run of his contemporaries. That made him in later life an ideal teacher, one who persuaded his pupils to go beyond the notes and examine the meaning of what they played. In that sense he was working against the grain of his time, which placed so much importance on perfection of technique often at the expense of thought about the music in hand. At the same time his own technical fluency was never in question.

His style had been formed by Carl Flesch, with whom Rostal studied at the Berlin Hochschule (after a period with Arnold Rose at the Vienna Academy), and it was Flesch's principles that he himself later propagated. Rostal also studied composition in Berlin with, among others, Matyas Seiber. Flesch took Rostal as his assistant in Berlin in 1928 and in 1930 he became the academy's youngest professor. In 1933, the rise of Nazism forced him to leave Berlin and he emigrated to Britain.

In London he developed his career as a player. He became a keen advocate of modern works. He was one of the leading exponents of Bartók's Second Concerto, which at that time was considered technically fearsome, and he introduced Khachaturian's Violin Concerto to this country. He also gave first performances of works by, among others, Alan Bush, Reizstein, Seiber and Brit-

ten. At the same time he forged a wonderfully vital duo with the pianist Franz Osborn, playing together the sonata repertoire, particularly the Beethoven and Brahms works in that genre, with a nice combination of freedom and discipline, always probing new depths as their records of



some of these works remind us. After Osborn retired, Rostal joined forces with Colin Horsley. From 1944 to 1958 he was professor at the Guildhall School of Music and profoundly influenced a generation of British players.

Rostal had another claim to fame. He was, as it were, wet nurse to the Amadeus Quartet. After they had been released from internment in Bergen, Schindler and Nissel all went to study with Rostal, and it was through another of his pupils, the violinist Suzanne Rosza, that the three met her husband, the cellist Martin Lovett. After the war, they all played at one time or another in the Rostal Chamber Orchestra, and Rostal urged them to form a quartet. The rest is history. The Amadeus played at a concert to mark Rostal's 80th birthday in Switzerland in 1985.

In 1957, Rostal had returned to Germany when he was appointed professor at the Cologne Music Academy. The following year he also became professor at Berlin, where he settled, commuting between the two cities. Although he continued to play from time to time, his main efforts were now concentrated again on teaching and on publishing manuals on the violin. In 1973, however, he took part in the Carl Flesch centenary concert. In 1974 he established the European String Teachers' Association, which became his main interest in his last years.

He was an inspiration to all those whom he taught, and at the same time a lively, convivial companion, a diminutive, dapper man who later in life sported a beard. He was appointed a CBE in 1974. Rostal is survived by his wife, Marion, a daughter from his first marriage and a daughter from his second marriage both of which were dissolved.

The Leverhulme Trust

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Casualties of casual crime

TELEVISION

Violent Lives
Channel 4

A COUPLE of weeks ago, in the first part of Simon Heaven's *Violent Lives* series, we met an armed robber who, in turn, introduced us to an unnamed friend. The friend looked personable enough, so Heaven - taking a police interest - asked him what offences he had committed. The friend thought about it. "Oh, a few muggings," he said, airily. "And an attempted murder." He was so offhand about it, he might have been admitting to a spot of pilfering. "Oh, a few Mars Bars, and a carton of fags."

I don't know whether the effect was intentional, but at such a matter-of-fact mention of "muggings", a chill vision of his traumatised victims automatically sprang up behind him - nervous, damaged people holding bandages to their heads, and skittering like colts at any sudden movement. Evidently this man never casts a glance over his shoulder to regard these phantoms, but they are certainly there. After all, the first rule of violence is that somebody always gets hurt. And the second rule is that they don't get over it in a hurry.

Last night, in the third film of the series, Heaven turned his attention to victims. His method was rather slapdash - with no statistics, no accounting for how we suddenly found ourselves passengers in a Nottinghamshire police patrol car, no explanation of how his various interviewees had been selected. But, as with the previous two programmes, the chaos was oddly productive. There was just enough coherent argument to make you reconsider your own



Innocent victim of violence: Marcus, who now has a steel plate in his head after being attacked at a disco

assumptions. For example: why do we assume that the trauma of violence is more terrible for an old age pensioner than for a young man?

Several of Heaven's victim-sample were young men, and each of them was having a genuinely tough time recovering from the shock to his system. A Londoner called Marcus - a likeable and deeply inoffensive bloke - had been beaten up by rampaging strangers at a disco. The attack was so ferocious that he was now walking around with a steel plate in his head. A fresh-faced bus driver called Gary had been assaulted by a passenger, jabbed in the eye with the point of an umbrella.

What all Heaven's interviewees

had in common: the most obvious of them a liking for swift, explosive and reckless movement. To give the programme a theme, they were asked to think about any aspect of Mozart, but there is little evidence of this in many of the pieces.

It was a long evening (two-and-a-half hours, with only one interval) and the two middle works, by Michael Partridge and William Petri for their groups from Munich and Paris, got by on craftsmanship rather than inspiration. But the programme began and ended much more strongly.

For the British choreographer Mark Murphy, this was the debut of his company VTOL. His early interests in sport and visual art have led to a non-narrative but emotionally charged

style, fiercely acrobatic at times (possibly influenced by Lloyd Newson and Edouard Lock) but strikingly assured in its cool presentation. The piece took a strong impetus from the percussion score, powerfully composed and performed (with pre-recorded samples reinforcing the live action) by Nic Murcutt.

The Frankfurt group S.O.A.P. was the only one clearly and continuously influenced by the Mozart theme. Wolfgang, Blue by Rudi Horta was mostly to extracts from the composer's Requiem and *The Magic Flute*, supplemented by sounds of applause, and an almost subliminal record player.

Horta showed the widest, most imaginative range of movement, including a fascinating duet near the beginning for two men (*Rainy but missing*). His exposition offered many unexpected developments, performed by a cohesive team.

In spite of the programme's limited preparation time and itinerant presentation, the lighting all evening was some of the best, most helpful, exact and varied I have seen for a long time credit to H.P. Boden and Christian Petzsch.

Whether the organisers will have the energy or resources to follow this venture with others which develop its ideas remains to be seen. However, even as a one-off activity, it was a heartening achievement.

JOHN PERCIVAL

his love lyrics in second world war songs, which might be judged a bit of a cheat if the aim had really been to tune Venus's lines to the noises of Mars. But instead the displacement was of banal, bawdy, but still touching lines - many inescapably redolent of Dame Vera Lynn - being carried over into a highly sophisticated musical environment.

Rather as in John Adams's opera, *Nixon in China*, the homely, well-worn vocabulary of popular song seems at once pitifully limited and yet also cherishable. And if the predominant feeling here is one of separation, it is not so much the separation of soldier from sweetheart that is at issue as our separation from an adequate language of the heart. Sawer's pieces, with their great delicacy, His begins and ends magically with the light sounds of bells, harp, and wordless voices; the choral harmony is exquisitely conceived; and there are points of radiant word-painting, notably on the line "With moonlight and memories". Coming so soon after his chamber opera *The Panic*, the piece confirms the haunting and emotionally daring quality of Sawer's music.

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NEW RELEASES

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE YELLOW HOUSE (198) Dostoyevsky novel. Portuguese surrealism in João César Monteiro's slow, hypnotic oddity, featuring the director as a scruffy, ridiculous nonconformist. Rarior (071-837 8402).

RETURN TO THE BLUE LAGOON (12) Teenage model Milla Jovovich and male lead Brian Krause discover the joys of adolescence on a Pacific island. Viscous, predictable sequel to the 1980 Brooke Shields epic. Caramore: Chelsea (071-352 5098). Oxford Street (071-439 0370) Odeon: Macmillan (071-439 0370) Karamell (071-439 0370) Plaza (071-437 1234).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (12) Live-action turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before. Action-packed for youngsters: parents may be bored. Caramore: Chelsea (071-352 5098). Oxford Street (071-439 0370) Odeon: Macmillan (071-439 0370) Karamell (071-439 0370) Plaza (071-437 1234) Macmillan (071-439 0370).

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6.00 **Cee-fax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News**
9.05 **Around the World with Willy Fog** (R) 9.55 **Know No, Beverly Wood** Mark Seller and Sophie Aldred visit the Museum of the Moving Image, and discover how acid gets into rain (R)
10.00 **News**, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (R) 10.25 **Leslie**, animated adventures
11.00 **News**, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House**, American family drama series **11.55 The History Man**, Brian McNeavey visits Warkworth Castle - the Northumbrian home of the Percy family
12.00 **News**, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party**, Midge Ure discusses his first solo album for three years, Rolf Harris sketches and David Seohel reviews the week's news **12.55 Regional News** and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather **1.30 Neighbours**, (Cee-fax) **1.50** **Film: Kharosum (1986)**, Spectacular, sprawling historical epic about the British commander Sir Charles "Chinthe" Gordon, who held out against the famous 1885 siege of Khartoum by the Mahdi until the city finally fell. Starring Laurence Olivier, Charlton Heston and Ralph Richardson. Directed by Basil Dearden. (Cee-fax)
3.55 Betty Boop Triple Bill 4.10 Smogglers, Cartoon (R) **4.35 Tricky Business**, Episode two of the eight-part magical comedy series for children (R)
5.00 **News**, regional news and weather **5.10 Byker Grove**, Episode six of the 20-part children's drama set in a northern town (R) (Cee-fax)
5.35 Neighbours, (R) (Cee-fax) **5.40** **News**, regional news and weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Morna Stuart
6.30 **Regional News**, Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland, Neighbours
7.00 **Wogan**, The guests are actress Jane Seymour, former Aston Villa footballer David Platt and, launching the first women's international polo tournament, Major Ronald Ferguson and Lesley Player. Music is provided by Steve Egan and Julia Fordham
7.40 **Little and Large**, Tonight the comic pair's guest is actress Carmen Silvera, star of 'Allo 'Allo! (R) (Cee-fax)
8.15 **The Paul Bearer's Magic Show**, Magic tricks with the master of illusion. He is joined by comedy duo, Buster Merryfield, and Buster Merryfield, star of 'Only Fools and Horses' (R) (Cee-fax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk, (Cee-fax) **9.05** **Regional News** and weather



Patrolling the rotten Big Apples Richard Widmark (9.30pm)

9.30 **Medicine: The Manhattan Beat**
 ● CHOICE: Richard Widmark was a prototype punk - of the pre-Seventies variety - and three of his early film performances were the last word on the subject of the rat funk. No one has giggled to more chilling effect on screen. His Tommy Udo in *Kiss of Death* in 1947 provided a benchmark for post-war heavies, not surpassed until Lee Remick's *The Killers*, written by the same screenwriter, in *Night and the City* (1957), from a Gerald Kersh novel set in the London underworld. Widmark played Harry Fabian, a heel running scared, and gave a fine display of whining, almost palpable fear. His single finest moment was in Sam Fuller's *Pickup on South Street* (1953) as Skip McCoy (another great name) pickpocketing on the subway; he has matched his inelegant grace in that. By the time he worked on *Medicine* in 1989 - playing a tough cop, a precursor to Eastwood's *Dirty Harry* (also by Siegel) - the old fuddity had gone, and he had settled for being inexpressive. *Medicine* spawned the mini-series in the early Seventies, misleadingly being passed off as new by the early Times.

10.30 **Orchestra at the Proms: Conductors All**, Mark Wigglesworth, winner of the 1989 Kondrashin competition and one of Britain's talented young conductors, conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Bela Bartok's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*. In addition, Robert Ziegler meets the Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski, who conducts the world premiere of his composition *Chantefleurs et Chantefables*
11.45 **Film: Manderley Park (1977)**, Dark, atmospheric thriller starring John Gielgud as a recently widowed man who returns to his home town, hired by his brother to kill a gangster rival. A powerful cast includes Sally Field, Martin Sheen and Telly Savalas. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky
12.05am **Weather**, Weather, News headlines and weather

BBC 2

8.45 **Open University: Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands**, Ends at 7.10
9.00 **News**
9.15 **The Archaeology of the Bible**, Magnus Magnusson discovers why there is so little physical evidence of the places mentioned in Exodus (R)
9.45 **Writers' Houses**, Sir David Attenborough is in Hampshire to explore the appeal of Gilbert White's *A Natural History of Selborne* (R)
9.50 **Catchword**, Paul Coia hosts the stings spelling bee (R)
9.55 **Three in the Wold**, Concluding the story of Toran, the Dartmoor pony (R)
10.00 **Music from the Musical Mervins**, David Farnham continues his musical journey around the Pacific (R)
10.50 **Cricket**, Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the fifth Test between England and West Indies at the Oval. Introduced by Tony Lewis with commentary by Richie Benaud and Jack Barnard
1.05 **Della Smith's One is Fun**, Summertime snacks for the single order (R) **1.20** **Fragrances**, Puppet series for the young (R) **1.35** **Weekend Outlook**, A preview of Open University programmes (R)
1.40 **Colours: England v West Indies**, Further coverage from the Oval. Includes News at 2.00, 3.00 and 3.55
2.30 **Film: The Diamond Queen (1953)**, Glossy historical dross about two 17th century adventurers who travel to India in search of a blue diamond to cap the crown of Louis XIV - and have to outwit the Great Mogul who rules his land with a rod of iron. Starring Fernando Lamas, Arlene Dahl and Gilbert Roland. Directed by John Brahm
7.45 **What the Papers Say**, With Jane Thynne of *The Daily Telegraph*
8.00 **East**, Magazine programme about Asian affairs



Track-slides Dr Stefan Buczacki, centre (8.30pm)

8.30 **Gardeners' World**, Dr Stefan Buczacki why he admires the station gardens on the Kelghley and Worth Valley Railway. They discover how the most unpromising of sites, built on old ash and basalt, can bloom with traditional colour. Meanwhile, Pippa Greenwood joins forces with a Dudley couple trying to cope with a slope. Nigel Coburn brings his creative eye to bear on containers and Geoff Hamilton has jobs for the week from Bursdale
8.00 **Indelible Evidence**, Windfall, Ludovic Kennedy introduces a dramatic reconstruction of a real case following the amazing elation of a professor of dentistry who was able to build up a detailed physical description of the man who left an apple at the scene of his crime (R)
9.35 **The Tracey Ullman Show**, Tonight Me Ullman's creations include a potential scriptwriter attempting to sell ideas to a young and temperamental star, and a sultry singing Southern belle
10.00 **News**, regional news and weather
 ● CHOICE: A cheeky bit of montage makes it quite clear where the sympathies of Professor Gwyn Williams lie at the conclusion of his trip to the Ukraine mining town founded by Welshman John Hughes. Footage of Hughes's Welsh descendants being well, even royally, entertained by their Ukrainian hosts is intercut with shots of miners at work down the pit in appalling, primitive, conditions. "Where is Professor Williams?" he asks one of the Welsh guests. Gone missing, actually, to ponder his confusion, which is admirable, given the average television pundit's knowledge of the situation. Williams's commentary is a refreshing mixture of exasperation and bewilderment, and, in moments of high indignation, mild expletives. After a while-stop tour of post-war Soviet history, he works himself up over living conditions in the workers' state, conditions which, thanks to the gift of television, he can see for himself. On the Soviet Union, are now more familiar to us than our own. (Cee-fax)
10.30 **Newsnight 11.15** **Weather**
11.20 **Cricket: England v West Indies**, Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the second day's play at the Oval
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ITV

8.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Vicky the Viking**, Animated adventures of a young sea-going man (R) **9.50** **Thames News** and weather
9.55 **The Adventure School**, Episode four of the six-part children's drama set in a remote Australian outback school (R) **10.25** **Just for the Record**, Including the world's most boring museum (R) **10.50** **News** headlines and weather
10.55 **Adventures on Kythera**, The final episode of the Australian-made drama series set on a Greek island **11.25** **On Tapes 11.55** **Thames News** **12.00** **Disney Cartoon** featuring Donald Duck **12.10** **Rainbow**, Children's educational fun (R)
12.30 **News** with Nicholas Owen. Weather **1.10** **Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away**, (Oracle) **1.50** **A Country Practice**, Australian drama series set in and around a rural medical centre
2.20 **That's History**, Historical quiz game which travels around Britain's stately homes. From Arley Hall, Cheshire, Andy Craig tests the knowledge of *Bread's* Jean Boht and former newsreader Richard Whitmore **2.50** **All Closed Up**, Game show for married couples. Presented by David Hamilton
3.15 **News** and weather **3.20** **Thames News** and weather **3.25** **The Young Doctors**, Australian drama series set in a large city hospital
3.55 **Johnny Ball Reveals All**, Science expert Johnny Ball finds out about muscles (R) **4.15** **The Magic Crown**, Animated sword and sorcery series **4.40** **Go Getters**, Last in the series where Dave Lee Travis sends three celebrity teams off around the countryside to complete a series of bizarre tasks
5.10 **Home and Away**, (Oracle)
5.40 **News** with Fiona Armstrong, (Oracle) **5.55** **Unemployment Campaign Preview** **6.00** **LWT News** and weather
6.15 **World's Greatest Stunts**, More dangerous feats from exotic locations



Curse of the dummy: Paul Shane and Keith Marsh (7.00pm)

7.00 **Very Big Very Soon**, Daniel Peacock's showbiz comedy series starring Paul Shane as the larger-than-life Harry James, would-be agent to the stars. This week Harry arranges for a ventriloquist (Keith Marsh) to play a local club. Unfortunately his dummy, Little Billy, causes a few unpleasant surprises. (Oracle)
7.30 **Coronation Street**, (Oracle)
8.30 **Jim Razzall**, Jim Razzall introduces live coverage of athletics from Gateshead. The commentators are Alan Parry, Peter Matthews and Steve Overt. (Coverage continues on C4 at 8.55)
9.00 **Rich Tea & Sympathy**, Comedy series about a career-minded doctor (Patricia Hodge), a biscuit factory boss (Dennis Quillley) and their growing romance. A crèche, a mole, a football hooligan and a Portuguese waiter all combine to cause problems for George and Julia in the last of the present series. (Oracle)
10.00 **News** at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) **10.35** **LWT News** and weather
10.40 **The London Programme**, Trevor Phillips presents a round-up of current affairs, focusing tonight on the position of the arts in London's economy and asking whether the curtain is about to close on culture in the capital
11.10 **The Games**, Danny Baker takes a look at football at grass roots level. The last programme of the series ends with a final, Young Prince "B" play for the Dick Coppock Cup, the oldest trophy in Sunday morning football
12.10am **Beauty and the Beast**, Fantasy adventure series about a pretty New York lawyer and her half-beast husband
1.10 **East of Eden**, The story of the young man who is the king of the ring, roll and chessplayers continues with Elva becoming the hottest new sex symbol after success at the Overton Park Shell
1.40 **Rebecca 911**, William Shatner presents a documentary series about the American emergency services
2.35 **CineAttractors**, Charlie Tuna presents his review of American box-office hits and latest releases
3.05 **News**, regional news and weather
4.05 **Sheep**, Self-parody with the outrageous Campbell and Tate families
4.35 **Beach Volleyball** from San Jose, California
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Phil Morris. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel Four Daily**
9.25 **Film: The Desert Trail**, (1935, b/w), John Wayne wears the white hat once again as he joins forces with Eddy Chandler to capture villain Paul Fox and his gang. Directed by Cullen Lewis
10.30 **Broken Silence**, Freedom of the Skies. The Spanish documentary series on animals looks at the art of flying (R)
11.00 **Testament: Chronicles and Kings**, John Romer retraces Abraham's journey to Egypt (R)
12.00 **Elementary: Stone and Glass**, How artists work with the elements
12.30 **Business Daily**, News from the world's markets
1.00 **Sesame Street**, Educational fun for pre-school children (R)
2.00 **Painted Tales: Picasso - The Artist's Son**, George Melly lends his voice to an animated art appraisal (R)
2.15 **Easy Does It**, Gentle exercises for the over-fifties (R)
2.30 **Film: Beyond The Forest**, (1948, b/w), Bored, bitchy doctor's wife Betty Davis finds herself in a mess following an affair with a millionaire in this high camp melodrama to end all melodramas. With Joseph Cotten and David Brian. Directed by King Vidor
4.10 **Platoon**, An old woman recaptures her youth when she visits a zoo **4.30** **Countdown**, Words and numbers game with Richard Whitley
5.00 **I Love Lucy (b/w)**, Classic American sitcom starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz Jr
5.30 **Greek Fire Art**, A ten-part series focusing on the ways that the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today (R)
6.00 **Kate & Allie**, Comedy with the two Greenwich Village apartment-sharing divorcees. Starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (R)
8.30 **Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain**, Stages Four A and B - Buxton to Manchester and on to Liverpool - a distance of 119 miles including three steep Peak District climbs
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zensab Badawi, (Teletext) **7.50** **First Reaction**, Steven Berkoff reviews the National's version of Brecht's *The Resistant Rise of Arturo Ui*, starring Anthony Sher
8.00 **Broccoli**, Mysterious melodrama. (Teletext)
8.30 **Europe Express**, Michael Voppe meets the Romans of the Greek resort of Lindos; and Isabella Stasi Castriota reports on Iceland's rediscovery of its greatest composer, John Lais
8.55 **International Athletics: The Pearl Assurance**, Invitation continued from ITV



Loosening the matrimonial knot: Brian Benben (10.00pm)

10.00 **Drain On**
 ● CHOICE: Hey, mild bondage in a sitcom, file under adult; that sort, the new US series is a cutesy Dick Van Dyke-Mary Tyler Moore show for the Nineties. This being now, the parents are in the process of divorce, but otherwise seem entirely compatible, as shown by their harmonious eyebrow acting. Her insistence on divorce leads the emotionally arrested husband (Brian Benben) to experiment, hopelessly, with women. There is an added (humorous) joke of his interior life. This consists entirely of black and white excerpts from *Fifties* shows (out to Ronnie Rescan, no he). Perhaps there is a serious point struggling to escape - that the romantic expectations of the baby boomers, now around 40, were formed, not by the Sixties and Cheech and Chong albums as we all thought, but by indiscriminate earlier exposure to *Fifties* television sitcoms. Film director John Lurie did this pilot episode, which - the immaculate eyebrows of the leading actress (Wendie Malick) apart - rates so far as a good lunchtime idea, no more
10.35 **Packet of Three**, Stand-up entertainment framed in a sitcom set in a comedy and poetry venue. The regulars at the *Crumple* *Palestine* include Jenny Eclair as the ticket girl, Frank Skinner as the caretaker and Henry Normal as the compere. Performance poet Alan Zieny, French strong-arm dancer ex Raymond and Cyril, and young stand-up comedian Alan Davies are tonight's turns
11.20 **The Best of the Paul Hogan Show (R)**, (Teletext)
11.50 **Down Under: Compo (1989)**, Engaging Australian comedy starring Jeremy Stanford as an over-zealous graduate recruit to the Australian government's Compensation Office (Compo) who becomes a liability to the motley crew who work there. With Bruce Kerr, Christopher Barry and Elizabeth Crockett. Directed by Nigel Bland
1.25am **Old Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w)**, Classic comedy sketches from the archives of American prime-time television. Ends at 1.50

RADIO 4

6.30-6.55am **Open University (FM only)**, Modern Art - Volcanism
7.00 **Weather**, News Headlines
7.30 **News**
7.55 **Morning Concert (cont.)**, Vivaldi (Concerto in F, RV 455); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 14)
8.30 **News**
8.35 **Composers of the Week**, Mendelssohn (Scherezo, op. 18), the composer; String Symphony No 10 in B minor; Fingering, Op. 8 No 6; Andante, Op. 10 No 2; Concerto No 2 in C minor, Op. 22
8.55 **Morning Sequence (FM only)**, Vaughan Williams (Five Variants on 'Dance of the Minstrels'), Delius (An Arabesque), Walton (Voluntary No 5 in G); Williamson (String Quartet in E minor, Op. 1 No 2); Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007); Stanford (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor, Op. 22)
10.55-11.00am **Test Match Special (b/w only)**, England v West Indies. Second day of the fifth Test at the Oval. 1.00pm News, 1.10 City, 1.20 County Scoreboard, 1.40-1.50 Commentary
11.40 **Antennae**, American Orchestra (FM only) under Ton Koopman performs Tchaikovsky (Concerto in D for three trumpets, trumpet and strings); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G, BWV 1048); Handel (Concerto grosso in F, Op. 8 No 2); The Queen of the Queen of Sheba; Fama (Capriccio stravagante); Bach (Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1026) (R)
1.00pm **News** (FM only)
1.05 **Mozart Summer (FM only)**, First of two recitals by the pianist Alan Skiba. Sonatas in A minor, K 510; and in D, K 595; Rondo in D, K 485; Sonata in A, K 331
2.00 **Opera News (FM only)**, 2.45 **Travellers of the World (FM only)**
 ● CHOICE: Comparisons are best avoided, but when you listen to these recordings by the distinguished Baden-Württemberg State Youth Orchestra and the youthful Artists Chamber Orchestra of Stuttgart, you will find it hard

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PROFILE

Sir Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar House, is a natural winner. His horse has even won the Grand National. Carol Leonard discovers what lies behind his success in business.

LEARNING CURVE

Banks are offering higher interest-free overdrafts to new undergraduates at a time when students face sharply escalating debt. Sara McConnell reports.

SUBSIDISE RISE

Britain's largest buildings insurers are raising premiums after suffering a surge in subsidence claims. Liz Dolan writes.

BOC slips

The BOC Group was held in check by adverse currency movements, higher tax and an increased interest charge in the nine months to June 30, and pre-tax profits slipped from £257.9 million to £235.3 million. Turnover was £2.07 billion (£2.11 billion). *Tempos, page 23*

Sotheby's drops

Sotheby's Holdings, the auction house, reports a second quarter net income of \$10.8 million (\$6.3 million) and a six months to June 30 net income of \$5.56 million (\$70.3 million). An unchanged quarterly dividend of 15 cents a share is declared.

Sullivan defeated

David Sullivan, the publisher of the *Sunday Sport* and *Sport Newspapers*, was defeated by a margin of 8.8 million votes in his bid to be elected a director of the Bristol Evening Post.

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7035 (-0.0075)
German mark 2.9283 (-0.0009)
Exchange index 90.9 (-0.1)

STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 Share 2724.0 (+9.1)
FT-SE 100 2800.6 (+3.2)
New York Dow Jones 3026.83 (+0.22)
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MAJOR CHANGES

RISERS:
Avon Rubber 274p (+8p)
GKN 380p (+11p)
Photo-Me 175p (+12p)
Wellcome 725p (+7p)
Sun Alliance 389p (+9p)
Bossey & Hedges 685p (+10p)
Compass Group 438p (+17p)
Zetters Group 120p (+10p)
ABC 589p (+11p)
Courtauld 450p (+8p)
Racal Telecom 335p (+10p)
Beazer 501p (+10p)
Yorkshire Chem 482p (+11p)
Caldwell-Schwepkop 375p (+7p)
Cambridge Elec 173p (+9p)
FALLS:
Savoy Hotels 'A' 685p (-18p)
Greycoat 207p (-3p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10 1/2-10 3/4%
3-month eligible bills 10 1/4-10 1/2%
US: Prime Rate 8 1/2%
Federal Funds 5 5/8%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.34-5.32%
3-year bonds 8 1/2-8 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London: New York:
£: \$1.7035
£: DM2.9283
£: Sfr2.5612
£: FF9.5468
£: Yen232.19
£: index: 90.9
£: DJI 3026.83
£: ECU 1.4725
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\$: DM1.7225
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\$: FF9.5890
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\$: index: 85.0
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\$: ECU 1.2888

GOLD

London: Posh:
AM \$357.00 pm \$357.80
Close \$356.80-357.30 (202.25-202.75)
New York:
Comex \$357.25-357.75

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)
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Denotes latest trading price

NORTH SEA OIL

Ex-bank chief says UK silenced him

Price 'failed to detect makings of BCCI fraud'

From SUSAN ELLICOTT
in WASHINGTON



Rahman: evidence in US

MASIHUR Rahman, former chief financial officer of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, accused British government and law officials of silencing him earlier this year when he wanted to go public about wrongdoings he discovered in the bank's accounts.

Mr Rahman also charged Price Waterhouse, the accountants, with failure to detect or acknowledge the makings of a trading fraud during audits of BCCI's overseas operations in the mid-Eighties. He described the bank as growing from a \$2.5 million enterprise in 1972, when founded by Agha Hasan Abedi, to one of \$8 billion within eight years by running a free-floating management structure that lacked control from a head office in Luxembourg.

Mr Rahman, speaking under oath before Congress, said that senior officials at the bank's treasury division lost \$11 billion in foreign exchange, commodities and bond trading within three months in 1985, even though the bank had agreed to limit its gross exposure to \$1 billion. "If the guidelines had been mentioned, and if Price Waterhouse had been doing their job... huge losses would not have occurred," Mr Rahman said.

He added that losses had suddenly appeared in the bank's books from 1985, with Grand Cayman as the major loss centre. He resigned from BCCI in London after finding "items which horrified me" when he led an internal investigation of the bank's audit affairs.

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In custody: police escort the gunmen away from Nomura's headquarters yesterday

Gunmen hold up Nomura

From JOANNA PITMAN in TOKYO

TWO armed right-wing nationalists, known to be connected to the yakuza, Japan's equivalent of the mafia, stormed the headquarters of Nomura Securities yesterday.

The men were apparently nursing grievances at being excluded from the list of clients compensated for stock market losses by Nomura, one of the big four Japanese brokers that have admitted paying compensation.

They demanded to see Nomura's president before pulling out guns, grabbing a hostage and firing a shot into the electronic stock quotation board on the wall.

An hour and 20 minutes later, police persuaded them to release their hostage, Kiyoshi Usami, the general manager of the presidential secretariat. They were arrested on charges of unlawful intru-

sion and violating the firearms and swords control law. No body was hurt in the incident. The men are members of shokojuku, an 80-strong gang of klaxon-wielding ultrarightists, who have recently spent their time making speeches from vans parked outside the headquarters of Nomura, and Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi, the other brokers that are involved in the compensation scandal.

A New York lawyer issued a warning yesterday that legal action launched by American institutions to recover losses incurred in the affair could inflict "severe financial damage" on the big four Japanese brokers (Philip Robinson writes).

James Strick, chairman of Coudert Brothers, the law firm advising three American institutions on legal action, said:

"The analysis of which laws are applicable in this case continues apace, and if we file suit against the stockbrokers, it could inflict severe financial damage on the Japanese financial houses."

Charles Stevens, of Coudert's Asian office, has already estimated that a victory for the American pension and mutual [unit trust] funds preparing the action could cost the big four tens of millions of dollars.

Mr Strick added: "There are all kinds of complicated legal questions here. We are examining which US and which Japanese laws are applicable in this case and then seeing how these fit with the factual pattern of our clients, which also differ from case to case. Then we'll determine whether we file in the US, Japan or both."

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Surprise
as BT
profit
climbs
11.3%

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FIRST-QUARTER profits at BT surpassed expectations, rising 11.3 per cent to £825 million before tax during the three months to June 30.

The profit was achieved despite a continued weakening in the growth of call volumes, and against a year on year rise in revenue of just 4.2 per cent to £3.34 billion.

Iain Vallance, the chairman, said: "Continued emphasis on cost control and improved quality of service have generated increased earnings, despite low growth in demand for our products and services."

Operating profit, at £920 million, rose 6.5 per cent. Although capital spending continued to rise, strong cash flow enabled BT to cut borrowings. Gearing has been reduced 11 points over the past year to 27 per cent.

The benefits of lower borrowing came straight through to the bottom line in the shape of a 22.8 per cent fall in interest charges to £95 million and accounts for a sizeable chunk of the profit increase. BT's profits are also starting to show the benefits of Mr Vallance's drive to cut costs. During the latest quarter, BT reduced its workforce by 3,700 to 223,200. During the year to March 31, numbers were reduced by 18,800. The workforce is to be reduced by a further 10,000 during the rest of this year.

BT says improvements to the quality of service has resulted in fewer calls to its operators. At the same time, improved technology has enabled each operator to handle more enquiries. As a result, it has been able to make sharp cuts in their numbers, as well curtailing other support staff.

Growth in both call volumes and the number of new connections have continued their unrelenting decline for the fourth successive quarter.

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SMALL BUSINESS
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To help your company get through the recession, be unique to you. Since it will be impartial, it will be well worth listening to. And your initial consultation will usually be free.

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Not so wizard for Oz high fliers

By ANGELA MACKAY

AFTER a decade of excess by Australia's corporate community, an age of austerity has dawned with the federal government's decision to introduce legislation to curb the high-flying antics of the growing list of famous bankrupts.

Michael Tate, the minister for justice and consumer affairs, said in Canberra yesterday: "I believe Australians are sick to death and quite angry at... high-living bankrupts being permitted to travel overseas and enjoying a lifestyle which is obviously dependent on a good cash flow."

He said the changes, to be law in a few months, would stop personal bankrupts leav-



Bankers support ailing builder

By MATTHEW BOND

CHARLES Church, the Southeast housebuilder that took itself private two years ago in a £100 million deal, says that it continues to trade only with the continued support of its bankers.

In March, the company announced it had made a pre-tax loss of more than £50 million in 1990, after writing down the value of land and work in progress by £44 million. Three months later the company said it had net borrowings of £78 million. As security, the company's bankers have a charge over all the group's property and assets, including its ordinary shares, which are now all owned by members of the Church family.

The company's founder, Charles Church, was killed in a plane crash two years ago. Stewart Baseley, chief executive, wants the banks to agree to a restructuring of these borrowings, which would see the banks deferring part of their debt, swapping the balance for preference shares and subscribing for new ordinary A shares.

Although all its ordinary shares are now owned by the Church family, there is still an outstanding, institutionally owned preference share issue, whose holders will be required to approve the restructuring before it can go ahead. The price of these shares dropped 4p to 5p, in response to the proposal that for each preference share shareholders would receive one new preference B share, one new ordinary B share and 49,999 deferred shares. The deferred shares would be valueless.

The seriousness of the company's problems is made clear by the fact that none of the new classes of share, be they ordinary or preference, is expected to yield dividends and that their dividend rights are not cumulative. The proposals will be considered at extraordinary meetings to be held on August 30.



John Robinson, chief executive (right), and Eric Kinder, chairman, who has not seen a deeper recession

Smith & Nephew slips 5%

By OUR CITY STAFF

A fifth of Smith & Nephew's worldwide sales come from its British toiletries business of Nivea, Lillies and Elastoplast. The effects of recession and poor summer sales of sun preparations led to a 5 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £59.3 million in the 24 weeks to June 15.

The interim dividend rises 1 per cent to 1.75p. Eric Kinder, the chairman, said: "This recession is deeper and has had more effect than anything I have previously experienced and I see no prospect for an end to it much before the end of this year."

A range of Nivea skin care products is being launched.

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Kleinwort back in the black with first-half £24.7m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

KLEINWORT Benson, the merchant bank, has returned to the black with pre-tax profits of £24.7 million in the six months to end-June, after the disastrous losses for the whole of last year.

The profits are, however, still 23 per cent down on last year's £30.3 million. The bank made a £68 million loss last year, due partly to losses on a failed bought deal.

The interim dividend is maintained at 5.3p. This year's figures continue to be hit by bad debt provisions, which were £29 million in the first half before releases and recoveries of £10 million.

There are no comparable first-half figures, but for the whole of last year, provisions were £67 million before releases and recoveries of £24 million.

David Peake, chairman, said the bank continues to concentrate corporate lending on "larger companies with which we have, or would expect to develop, a wider merchant banking relationship".

On a weighted asset basis, the loan book is 10 per cent smaller at the end of last year and 17 per cent smaller than last year's halfway stage. Mr Peake hopes for lower provisions in the second half, but said it was difficult to make forecasts because of the large size and relatively small number of loans involved. He said: "The area most resistant to improvement is property in the UK and America."

Mr Peake said the equities and treasury divisions operated profitably in the first half "assisted by a higher level of activity in the securities markets during a part of the period, by tight control of risk and by reduced costs".

Mergers and acquisition activity remained low, but the corporate finance division as a whole benefited from a higher level of financing by clients.

Overall, merchant banking activities contributed £23.5 million pre-tax profits in the first half (£28.2 million). The investment management division reported £13.4 million profits (£15.5 million).

Murdoch magazines sold to Emap

By MELINDA WHITSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

EMAP, the magazines and newspapers group, has acquired three magazines in the Murdoch Magazines UK stable that were put up for sale recently by News International for £10 million in cash. *New Woman*, which has achieved a circulation of 233,114 since its launch by Murdoch Magazines in July 1988, will strengthen Emap's position in the maturing women's magazine market.

New Woman is aimed at women in their mid-to-late twenties, while Emap's other women's titles — *Look*, *Just Seventeen* and *More* — are brand leaders in the young women's market.

Emap said the other two titles sold by News International, *Car and Supercar* & *Classics*, will strengthen its position in the car magazine market, where it is already in number one position with *Practical Classics*, *Classic Car Weekly* and *Popular Classics*. The acquisition of *Car*, with a circulation of 137,105, gives it the United Kingdom's brand leader in the modern car market.

Both *Car* and *Supercar & Classics* were acquired by News International in 1989 for an undisclosed sum, together with two other titles, *Truck and Truck & Driver*, which were sold last year.

August Fischer, the managing director of News International, which owns *The Times*, said: "We were pleased with the offers from all those invited to bid, but we felt that the Emap proposal would best carry on the traditions of these successful titles."

News International's two remaining UK magazine titles — *TV Guide* and *Sky Magazine*, the joint venture with Hachette, the French publisher — will continue trading.

Airlines upturn led by KLM

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

KLM, the Dutch airline, became the first European airline to report a recovery with the announcement of a rise in net profits of three and a half times to 135.9 million guilders (£41 million) for the three months to June, the first quarter of its current year. Favourable movements in exchange rates and improvements in traffic efficiency resulted in a rise in revenues, up 13 per cent to £1.88 billion, giving a profit margin of 7.2 per cent.

The rise in KLM's income has defied the general trend in the airline business, which has been badly affected by the world economic slowdown. British Airways reported a slump in its first-quarter pre-tax profits from £156 million to £9 million on Wednesday.

However, KLM's recovery follows one of its most disastrous years, which saw the dividend scrapped after a loss of £1 630 million. KLM's latest profits are still below the profits for the three months to the end of March last year (£1 230 million). KLM took restructuring provisions of £1 300 million, relating to about 1,000 staff cuts, into its results for the whole of the previous year.

The first-quarter results contained no extraordinary items and came despite a strong increase in fuel costs to £1 180 million, compared with the £1 156.6 million in the first quarter of last year.

KLM said the rise in revenues "was the result of higher yields in local currencies, exchange-rate trends favourable to KLM and the revenue-enhancing effects of adjustments to the route network".

KLM said earlier this year that it would not make a profit again until the year ending in March 1994. The airline's load factor — critical for an airline's profitability — appeared only marginally affected by the worldwide downturn.

The load factor fell to 70.2 per cent in July (72.5 per cent in July 1990). The load factor has deteriorated marginally since. Capacity during the first quarter rose by 4 per cent. KLM made staff cuts as well as disposals of non-core activities. The disposals were meant to reduce the workforce by another 2,000.

KLM's shares rose £1 2.10 to £1 31 in afternoon trading in Amsterdam. This represents a 50 per cent rise in the share value since February this year, when the company announced the staff cuts.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Broackes to support Trafalgar rights issue

SIR Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, who originally suggested he would not take up his share of the group's £310 million rights issue of A ordinary shares, has decided instead to support the issue, which closes on Monday. Sir Nigel has sold his entire personal holding of 3.06 million ordinary shares at 212.3p per share and declared that he will support the rights issue out of the £6.5 million proceeds.

Apart from taking up his entitlement to 1.02 million A ordinary shares at a cost of £1.9 million, Sir Nigel also intends to buy an unspecified further number of A ordinary shares, which do not pay dividends for the first two years and are being issued to pay for the Davy process engineering business. Trafalgar shares gained 1p to 215p while nil-paid rights to the A ordinary shares jumped 4p to 17p.

Booker sells Dixon Pork

BOOKER, the food group, has sold its subsidiary Dixon Pork and Bacon, formerly part of Fitch Lovell which Booker acquired last year, to Dalehead Foods for £4.25 million in cash. Dixon's unaudited net tangible assets at completion are estimated at £6.7 million in the 12 months to end-June.

Wahlco buys Hanson unit

HANSON Amalgamated Industries, the British industrial division of Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, has sold its Teddington Bellows subsidiary to Wahlco Environmental Systems for £30,000 cash. In the year to end-September last year, Teddington made a pre-tax profit of £128,000.

Water price warning

YORKSHIRE Water said lower operating costs had enabled it to keep price rises moderate last year but future changes would have to reflect the cost of capital investment. Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, told the annual meeting the company's capital investment programme would continue at the rate of about £260 million a year for the next decade. He said that in about five years' time the company looked set to generate 10 per cent of group profits from YW Enterprises, its engineering and commercial services subsidiary.

John I Jacobs tumbles

JOHN I Jacobs, the ship broker and owner, has announced a £270,000 pre-tax profit for the six months to end-June (£597,000). The company said that freight rates had been hit by the recession. The broking department, however, had an "encouraging" start to the second half. The interim dividend is 0.5p (1.5p).

Firth plunges into the red

GM FIRTH Holdings' "unfortunate" strategic move into quoted investments has sent the Midlands-based steel stockholding group plunging into losses for the year to end-March. Pre-tax losses for the year were £727,000 (£1.8 million profit). There is no final dividend, leaving the full-year dividend at 1p.

Lloyd's EGM unlikely

LOYD'S of London expects not to have to call the extraordinary general meeting demanded by names on the loss making Goods Walker syndicates, Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's said yesterday.

The Goods Walker names want to amend the Lloyd's by-law that introduced independent reviews of major losses this year. A petition bearing the signatures of more than 500 names was delivered to Lloyd's last week demanding the meeting.

Aer Lingus profits slide

INTENSE competition in the airline industry is causing revenue at Aer Lingus, the Irish state airline, to run behind budget in its current financial year. The airline has announced an 84 per cent slide in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March 1991 to £56.2 million (£5.7 million) from £38.7 million.

UniChem offer extended

UNICHEM, the pharmaceuticals business, has received valid acceptance for its offer by yesterday afternoon in respect of 19,630 shares in MacCarthy, or 0.07 per cent. Before the offer UniChem owned 187,500 MacCarthy shares, or a further 0.7 per cent. The offer has been extended until 3 pm on August 29.

Hong Kong curbs property speculation as prices surge

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

PRICES for Hong Kong homes are so high that the government and leading banks are taking tough action to curb rampant speculation.

Graham Barnes, the secretary for planning, environment and lands, yesterday announced measures to stop triads — the colony's organised gangsters — from amassing flats for speculation.

Banks are tightening lending and introducing charges on mortgage loans, although they stopped short of raising the mortgage rate of about 10.5 per cent, one percentage point above Hong Kong's prime rate.

Prices for small and medium flats have risen 40 per cent this year, to nearly HK\$3,000 (£227) per square foot, and by 10 per cent since July 4, when Britain and China agreed to build a airport in Hong Kong.

Renewed confidence in the colony's future after 1997, when China resumes sovereignty, has spurred more people to buy homes or trade up their smaller flats for bigger ones. But the speculators are benefiting the most.

A spokesman for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation said: "We are concerned about the level of property prices. Our policy is really one of caution." Standard Chartered cut mortgage lending by 10 per cent to 80

per cent and introduced a charge for arranging loans, following its introduction of higher penalty charges for pre-paid loans two months ago.

Barry Groves, acting chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Banks, said a decision would be reached on Friday on whether to raise Hong Kong's interest and mortgage rates. The government's new scheme to regulate the sale of flats includes the removal of higher initial deposits for successful bidders and higher penalty charges for defaulters.

Analysts welcomed the government's measures and said they would consolidate property prices.

London Merchant Securities plc



Highlights of the year

	1991 5000	1990 5000
Profit before tax	28,870	26,312
Profit attributable to shareholders	18,189	16,068
Shareholders' funds	358,235	385,752
Earnings per Ordinary share	7.43p	6.62p
Dividends per Ordinary share	3.60p	3.40p

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First Quarter Results

Results for the first quarter ended 30 June, 1991

	3 months ended 30 June, 1991 Unaudited £m	3 months ended 30 June, 1990 Unaudited £m
Turnover	3,342	3,208
Operating profit	920	864
Profit before tax	825	741
Profit after tax	557	500
Earnings per share	9.0p	

Highlights

- Turnover up by 4.2%
- Earnings per share up by 10.2%

"BT has started the year with sound results against a background of difficult economic conditions and increasing competition. Continued emphasis on cost control and improved quality of service have generated increased earnings, despite low growth in demand for our products and services."

Iain Vallance
Chairman

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Fair outlook for BT's share sale

COMMENT

British Telecom's first quarter figures may be the last before the government's remaining 48 per cent stake is sold some time in the autumn. They make reassuring reading for would-be buyers despite knee-jerk protests from Labour spokesmen. The profits indicate a return in the mid to high teens on some £20 billion of capital employed. This is by no means excessive and coupled with a tough pricing formula of RPI minus 6.5 per cent and an increasingly fractious OfTel, does not suggest that BT has carte blanche to abuse its dominant market position.

But after an astonishing 44 per cent rise so far this year, from a mid-January low point of 269p to 389p last night, it is hard to see how the shares have a great deal of potential in the short term.

In part, the re-rating is due to a growing belief that the political risk of re-nationalisation after the general election has receded. Labour's once strident promise to put BT back under the dead hand of Whitehall is not heard these days. Instead, Labour suggests now that restraint of BT's

90 per cent domestic market share may be better exercised through OfTel. BT and its shareholders have little to fear from this in the short run. But in the long run, OfTel's Sir Bryan Carsberg may present difficulties for BT. These days he gives the impression that OfTel's role is less to do with regulating BT and increasingly that of reverse discrimination against BT in the interests of promoting wider competition in the telecoms industry. Few would quarrel with that, up to a point. But before long, BT shareholders, especially long-term investors such as pension funds, need to establish the limits of OfTel's powers or intentions to give away BT's business.

Another factor in the re-rating of BT shares this year has been the better than expected outcome of the duopoly review. But the bulk of the change in market sentiment is all about BT's performance, which shows its ability to cope with recession. Part of the

11 per cent increase in profits stems from the improved prices brought in last year. But by internal good housekeeping, the impact of the recession on BT has been substantially mitigated. Call volumes at home grew just 3 per cent, though high margin international traffic rose 5 per cent. Turnover was only 4 per cent higher.

Staff costs, still higher than many substantial overseas network operators, rose only 1.3 per cent. The company is beginning to reap the benefits from last year's efficiency measures. In the first quarter this year there was a further 3,700 reduction in staff numbers, including 1,800 who worked for companies that have been sold. Capital spending has been reined back, and interest charges reduced.

If BT makes about £3.25

billion in the full year, then its shares are currently selling for about 11 times expected earnings per share. That discount to the market is perhaps a little higher than justified by the reduced political risks. Recession or not, BT's net cash inflow at £673 million during the quarter was strong and augurs well for a successful share sale.

No windfall

Our leading oil majors, BP and Shell, who not so long ago stood accused of earning windfall profits from the Gulf War, need say no more about the long-term damage to their business caused by sudden spikes in oil prices.

Their financial results for the first half of 1991 generally

compare unfavourably with the first six months of last year, the period that immediately preceded the invasion of Kuwait and the surge in oil prices.

Bearing in mind that both companies also ended the last full financial year markedly lower, it is difficult to see what case politicians hoped to make against the big oil companies.

After the end of the Gulf war, BP and Shell looked forward to a period of stability in oil markets that would encourage the West out of recession.

Oil has indeed been stable but has floundered well below the estimated range of between \$20 and \$25 a barrel.

An average price of \$18.80 in the second quarter, against \$15.95 for the same period last year, is obviously seen as a step in the right direction, but measured in sterling the increase narrows to £1.50. This modest benefit has been eroded by a catalogue of negative points, including rising

costs, reduced oil output, tighter refining margins and depressed demand for petrochemicals.

At the same time, BP and Shell are investing heavily in the future. Shell intends to spend up to \$12 billion a year for the next 5 years to double its asset base while BP embarks on its high-risk strategy of exploration in the so-called frontier regions.

While in nominal terms BP's programme, which spans the Cusiana prospect in Colombia, the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea's Mungo field, is less onerous, gearing of almost 80 per cent gives the company less room for manoeuvre when oil prices fail to respond to the apparently fine balance between supply and demand.

Shell's Sir Peter Holmes expects oil to edge higher in the final quarter but slip back to current levels next year. If correct, the outlook for BP, whose earnings are heavily geared towards crude prices, is not bright. Shell's financial strength offers better prospects, even though chemicals will continue to give cause for concern.

Unhealthy Glasrock hurts BOC margins

WITHOUT moving currencies, and without its loss-making Glasrock Home Health Care business, life at BOC would be much more profitable, as its nine months' results to June 30 again attest. The £235 million pre-tax profit, compared with £258 million, was struck after an £18.5 million currency hit which added to the blows from a higher interest charge and an increased tax charge, to make an overall £30 million drag on the trading results.

The nine months' profit figure also embraces losses at Glasrock, which are likely to have run into millions by the time 1991 is ruled off. Margins within BOC's healthcare division were 13 per cent at constant exchange rates, including Glasrock, and would have been 20 per cent without.

Considering that BOC did not see any upturn in most of the key economies in which it operates, the nine months' outcome was in line with market expectations. Since June 30, currencies have moved in BOC's favour, and come year-end, the negative currency impact might be "only" £12 million.

The impact of recent price increases on BOC's liquid lines in America will likely come through into profits which are contrasted with those written at the higher prices. So far this year, prices of gases and margins have been stable. BOC's intended flotation of its healthcare businesses is likely to be later, rather than soon. Before any flotation, BOC has to attend to Glasrock, and it wants to be in a position where the investment worth of the new generation of drugs within its pharmaceuticals division can be better assessed.

Under BOC's dividend alert policy, investors already know they will receive a total 20.4p net a share this year, which, at yesterday's 582p, yields 4.7 per cent. BOC remains on target for pre-tax profits of £337 million (£354.3 million) for the full year, to rate the shares at 12.8 times prospective earnings. They are worth holding for the better days that should come next year.

Smith & Nephew

FOR a group that is well entrenched in growing international healthcare markets, from sophisticated dressings to artificial hips, Smith & Nephew has been reporting disappointingly stagnant profits of late. In the second half of



"No evidence of upturn": Martin Sorrell, of WPP

last year, there was a sudden glut in a commodity medical glove market the group has now left.

This year, currency movements have knocked 9 per cent underlying sales growth down to 2 per cent in the first six months and a shortage of sun and money has hit the British Nivea toiletries business. This is reflected in a 1 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.75p.

The good news is that the profit trend is improving. A fall of 8 per cent in the first quarter became only 2 per cent in the second, leaving first half pre-tax profits down 5 per cent

County NatWest is looking for 11 per cent earnings growth in 1992, which ought to be no more than a norm for the future. S&N's steeper medical disposables businesses tend to be compared unhelpfully with high-growth drug companies. But the underlying potential of the business is strong and the group's personal equity plan looks a good proposition for long-term private investors.

WPP

WPP is trading within the revised bank loan covenants agreed as part of the April refinancing of its debts. That is the good news. For ordinary shareholders, the interim figures offer little cause for cheer.

The sharp fall in pre-tax profits to £16 million was largely expected. More depressing for shareholders is the bleak picture painted of the prospects for the rest of the year.

Martin Sorrell, chief executive, sees "no evidence to date of any upturn in trading conditions in the group's major markets, such as the United States and the United Kingdom". The best that can be said is that the rate of decline seems to be slowing. When you are standing at the end of a queue that includes bankers, convertible preference shareholders and vendors of companies in earn-out deals, that is a small crumb of comfort for ordinary shareholders.

Perhaps if WPP had remained true to its roots as a supermarket trolley maker, none of this would have happened. One of the few parts of the empire to record a "satisfactory" first half is the manufacturing division, with £250,000 pre-tax profits.

By contrast, JWP saw operating margins fall to 7 per cent and those at Ogilvy Group fell to 5.8 per cent, compared with the long-term target of 12 per cent. As WPP admits, "the time frame over which this can be achieved will be longer than previously anticipated".

Pre-tax profits for the year are expected to reach £50 million, putting the ordinary shares at 11.1p on a humble rating of about six times earnings of 21p. Since they are not expected to attract dividends before the mid-Nineties, they are exceptionally vulnerable to further bad news and must be regarded as a high-risk play. The convertible preference shares at 29p, and their 40 per cent yield and greater stability, remain the best way to buy into WPP's recovery prospects.

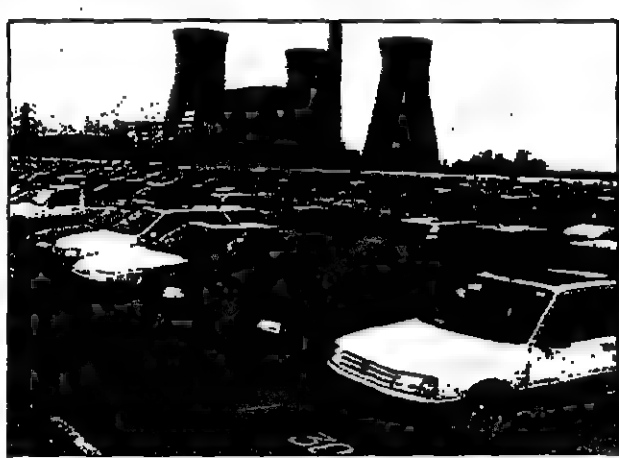
PowerGen trials linked to damaged cars

HOPES at PowerGen that a new fuel called Orimulsion could provide a low-cost alternative to coal or oil have suffered a setback after two cars manufactured linked emissions from trial burning with damage to the paint of cars stored nearby.

Peugeot is "considering an approach for compensation" after discovering damage to several hundred cars in a transit pound at Richborough, Kent. The cars, including Peugeot 205, 309 and 605 models, with a showroom value of up to £25,000, had been imported through Kent ports and were awaiting shipment to dealers.

Peugeot engineers from France have removed panels for laboratory analysis, in what the company calls a "major investigation". Peugeot says fallout from PowerGen's neighbouring Richborough power station appears to have eaten through the protective wax in which the cars were shipped, and penetrated the paintwork as far as the priming coat.

The models affected have been aside from stocks for sale until the faults are dealt with. Citroen, which also had stocks of its AX, BX and XM



Emissions blamed: cars parked beside Richborough

models in the pound, reports similar pitting to paintwork. The company is also investigating the damage.

PowerGen acknowledged that claims had been made and said it was investigating. PowerGen said: "This station is operating with the full knowledge and consent of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution."

Orimulsion comprises 70 per cent bitumen and 30 per cent water and is imported from Venezuela.

Orimulsion trials were first run at the Ince power station in Cheshire by the Central

Electricity Generating Board, PowerGen's forerunner, in 1988. For almost 18 months, Richborough has been conducting further trials.

The 29-year-old power station, which has three 114 megawatt generating sets, is fitted with electro-static precipitators, which are supposed to remove soot from its emissions.

Among the disadvantages of Orimulsion is its high sulphur content. Emissions of sulphur from power stations are acknowledged to be one of the principal causes of acid rain, which is

blamed for damage to trees and lakes. According to PowerGen, sulphur emissions from burning Orimulsion are typically 20 per cent higher for each megawatt of power generated than from British-mined coal or imported oil.

If the company adopted Orimulsion as a fuel, it would almost certainly face calls to fit flue gas desulphurisation equipment (FGD) to any power station burning it. PowerGen is required by the government to fit FGD equipment to 4,000 megawatts of capacity as part of a European drive to cut sulphur emissions.

One option would be to burn Orimulsion at its Isle of Grain plant, Kent, and fit FGD equipment there instead. Claims of damage from emissions, however, would do little to ease such a switch in strategy.

ROSS TIEMAN

British Gas Advises its Contract Customers of Reduced Charges for Fixed Price Contracts.

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Weighing in on Aldersley

ANALYSTS at Smith New Court have found a way of charting the fortunes of the health and household sector. Over ten years, the weight gains and losses of John Aldersley, an analyst famed for his girth, track the sector remarkably well. Take 1982: "John Aldersley starts in the City. Sector outperforms as Aldersley swiftly puts on a stone." And 1988: "Took up jogging, low calorie lager, bran tablets in attempt to get fit and trim. Not confident about long-term prospects as gets married and wife is good cook." Now nearing a peak, Aldersley threatens a crash-diet in the autumn. Meanwhile, he is free for lunch.

Powers for Spain

KEEN to outdo Hill Samuel and others that enjoy a high

profile at Windsor's Smith's Lawn, Moore Stephens, the accountancy firm, has taken Spain to heart. The firm is to sponsor the Spanish team in the first International Ladies Polo tournament, which starts on Sunday at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club. "We have a high proportion of international private clients," says Michael MacInnes, a partner, "so not being shoulders with people who play and watch polo is not altogether altruistic."

Stephanie Powers, the actress who appeared in *Matador*, will play for the Spanish team. The five-day event is in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Ball and chain

AUSTRALIANS, keen to forget their convict roots, will be dismayed by the antics of a York travel company. Rainbow Holidays, keen to encourage travel Down Under, is offering discounts of up to £270 for descendants of the first fleet. To drive the point home, it has launched a two-week Prisoners of History



JON ASHWORTH

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

Qualified accountants were paid about 5 per cent more than equivalent general middle managers. Financial controllers received about 7 per cent more than equivalent senior managers, but junior accountants and clerical staff were worse off than their equivalents.

By KEVIN EASON
TRINITY CONTRIBUTOR

There will also be a parts warehouse at Magna Park, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, employing 75 people, which



Nissan is moving quickly to establish its own network and

By MARTIN WALLER

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3-16yr	17-18 1/2p
15-16yr	33-32p
1-16yr	14-17 1/2p
98-107 1/2p	331-318 1/2p
21-31 1/2p	85-82 1/2p
10-16yr	14-17 1/2p
4-2 1/2p	0.85-0.94 1/2p
10-7 1/2p	2.25-2.21 1/2p
1-16yr	14-17 1/2p
7-16yr	31p-32p
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3-16yr	31p-32p
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1-16yr	14-17 1/2p
3-16yr	31p-32p

ns = n.p. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina pmt	1889.0-1891.5
Australia debt	2,746.8-2,781
Belgium debt	0.545-0.562
Brazil cruzeiro	0.057-0.063
Ceylon pmt	0.069-0.073
Colombia pmt	0.74-0.76
Greece drachma	321.90-325.10
Hong Kong dollar	19.329-19.342
India rupee	43.28-44.08
Kuwait dirh	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.729-4.746
Mexico 150p	2,150-2,220
New Zealand dollar	2.926-2.976
Saudi riyal	0.25-0.26
Singapore dollar	2.339-2.417
S Africa rand (n)	4.958-4.988
S Africa rand (s)	4.869-4.876
US dollar	0.27-0.28
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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2751-1.2763
Canada	1.2404-1.2408
Holland (Gm)	35.34-35.53
France	1.1259-1.1259
Germany	8.6280-8.6300
Italy	7.8620-8.6470
Japan	1.7150-1.7160
Switzerland	7.7617-7.7627
Hong Kong	92.27-92.27
India	43.28-43.28
Netherlands	1.9830-1.9840
Spain	2.77-2.77
Sweden	1.9330-1.9350
Switzerland	7.7617-7.7627
Taiwan	44.7-44.7
Thailand	7.7230-7.7240
UK	1.07-1.07
US dollar	0.27-0.28
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ECB's Fixed Rate Sterling Export Scheme. Make-up day: July 31. 1991 Agreed rates for 1991: 1991 to Sep 30, 1991 Scheme 1: 12.51% Scheme 8: 12.53%. Referenced to new June 25, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.55%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

FT-SE 100	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
Previous open interest: 139,007	Sep 31	2557.0	2564.0	2551.0	2551.0	36,220
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	Oct 2	2574.0	2575.0	2569.0	2574.0	45,000
	Oct 3	2574.0	2575.0	2569.0	2574.0	45,000
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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

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Two readers shared the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mrs Margaret Clarke, of Nazeing, Essex, and Cynthia Gillen, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, each receive £2,000.

BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Open Prev. Day

SHORTS (Under Five Years)	High	Low	Open	Prev. Day
1	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
2	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
3	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
4	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
5	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS	High	Low	Open	Prev. Day
1	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
2	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
3	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
4	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
5	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS	High	Low	Open	Prev. Day
1	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
2	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
3	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
4	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
5	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00

UNDATED	High	Low	Open	Prev. Day
1	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
2	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
3	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
4	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
5	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00

INDEX-LINKED	High	Low	Open	Prev. Day
1	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
2	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
3	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
4	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00
5	110.00	109.50	110.00	110.00

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

% 85	Conv	107% 1989	100%	..	12.1	10.27
% 87%	Trans	106% 1989	102%	..	10.2	10.084
% 105	Expn	125% 1989	110%	..	11.0	10.781
% 88%	Conv	9% 2000	94%	@	8.48	8.918
% 110%	Trans	133% 2000	125%	..	11.2	10.258
% 88%	Conv	9% 2001	88%	@	8.00	8.000
% 83%	Trans	10% 2001	98%	@	10.0	8.887
% 90%	Trans	10% 2001 a	97%	..	8.00	8.000
% 38%	Trans	10% 2001 b	83%	@	12.0	10.830

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares edge higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 29. Dealings end today. Contango day Monday. Settlement day August 19.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price-earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1991			Price		Open	10%	
High	Low	Company	bid	offer	Contract	size	PIE
862	380	Powdermill	440	480	-	7.0	9.0
30	30	—	—	—	—	8.3	67.1
311	147	Rt 68 Sout	162	184	-	21.0	21.0
400	60	Schofield	675	680	-	10.7	21.0
412	265	South Coast	365	380	-	2.0	21.0
160	134	1200	164	180	-	2.5	18.7
190	120	—	120	120	-	2.5	18.7
300	314	Shelburne Etc	467	502	-	3.3	22.0
179	30	On 6th W	171	174	-	8.0	4.0
50	50	Water Pump	484	-	-	-	-
252	128	Weymouth	218	222	-	-	-
252	128	Weymouth	218	222	-	-	-
252	128	Weymouth	218	222	-	12.4	4.0
252	128	Weymouth	218	222	-	4.0	11.5

BREWERIES

584	488	Allied-Lyons	576	587	25.1	4.3	22.6
1096	982	Dow	978	985	44.4	4.8	3.9
179	182	Eastman	180	185	8.8	4.5	12.5
256	178	General	248	258	11.1	4.4	15.8
162	170	Johnson	115	177	5.7	5.0	17.4
346	350	Johnson	388	355	7.3	3.8	14.5
33	35	Johnson	30	32			

BUILDING, ROADS

494	374	Chicago	498	480	474	32	71.8
10	717	Rocking	507	493	484	25.8	25.98.5
10	718	Chicago	10	100	97.8	47.8	47.12.4
305	225	Alphard	285	270	261	8.8	23.21.9
100	125	Chicago	213	200	193	6.7	2.6.21.2
405	125	Chicago	442	430	421	16.1	1.6.21.3
278	185	Chicago	288	273	265	2.8	2.8.14.4
710	185	Chicago	388	380	373	6.8	4.8.12.3
356	233	Chicago	356	325	317	8.9	2.9.13.7

ELECTRICITY

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FINANCE, LAND

280	178	Ames	302	+3	13.5	6.8	16.2
74	17	Anglo Sec	34	36			
88	73	Arctidia			8.01		
262	181	Atkade	191	201	-1	8.5	3.3
245	183	BFB Ind	191	184	+2	16.8	7.8
108	89	Burbridge Ind	87	85		4.2	8.1
89	29	Buoy (Dry) Comm	71	39		1.9	8.5
126	31	Carroll Dist	43	45	+1	12.0	27.3
138	58	Shaner FLO	88	80	+8	10.3	11.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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43	Try Cap	83	80	83	103
45	Turk	87	87	87	143
46	Vibrant	102	101	102	103
100	Wind Group	100	99	100	103
101	Wind Mfg	87	82	85	43
102	Wind Mfg	400	410	404	103
103	Woolley	106	107	106	103
104	Woolley	73	73	73	103
105	Woolley	400	400	400	103

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78	43 1766	86	85 -1	87	15.1	88
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178	125 Jellied Cellulose	184	187 ● +2	47	2.8	188

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931	876	French	CMCO	376					
134	846	Indo China Int		134	134		72.3	6.4	76.3
953	435	Lapland		533	537		23.7	4.3	12.1
957	377	Lehigh		355	358		70.2	3.3	17.5
186	136	North Ryde		186					
365	312	Patterson	Jack	365	365		12.7	2.5	71.7
265	268	On 2		365	365		12.7	2.6	11.1
184	171	Pym		182	180		4.4	3.3	16.8
545	319	Ryegate		245	247		4.5	1.9	29.6

INDUSTRIALS E-H

280	215	Yokohama Steel	280	270	21.7	2.3	2.5
495	327	Yokohama Chem	478	467	+91	16.3	3.8
194	89	Yok. Cable	178	180	-	8.8	3.5
							23.1

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173	80	Cash Vixals	171	173	+1	8.9	6.4	15.2
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25	18	Dowling (LJ)	25	27	-	8.9	3.4	12.3
246	126	Dworn Gp	246	248	+2	7.7	3.1	18.7
515	283	Dunbar	488	485	-3	8.8	1.9	18.8
25	11	ESL Gp	25	32	-	-	-	13.5
94	748	Eps. (Wilmington)	700	800	-	21.3	2.8	12.0
188	42	Eps.	187	186	-	7.6	4.9	18.7

INDUSTRIALS S-Z

75	38	Forward	49	40	137	39	8.2
84	34	Box 88	53	85	48	7.4	8.0
98	32	Goldman Sachs	47	48	48	6.3	10.5
104	32	GE	19	104	104	11	14.1
130	104	Go X	130	130	30.8	3.7	11.6
200	130	Marathon	200	200	43	2.1	10.0
20	12	Marathon Pk	276	240	2.7	11.3	8.5
140	80	High Robinson Pk	140	130	7.4	5.8	10.0
170	11	High	170	140	1.6	10.6	

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546	359	Kayser	543	547	+2	18.3	2.0	19.9
547	40	Lowie Wine Sp.	548	71	-	5.2	7.8	7.8
548	419	Liberty	549	580	-	6.3	1.1	26.0
549	2136	Master Spence	550	276	-	8.0	8.1	16.1
550	594	Johnson (John)	551	385	-	12.5	3.2	17.2
551	113	Moss Bros	552	115	-1	8.7	5.8	14.7
552	186	Pratt	553	304	-	8.9	2.8	-
553	75	Chase	554	178	-	7.8	4.5	-
554	2	2-5	555	148	-	7.8	3.8	-

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Staying afloat on the West Indian wave

IT WAS the nearest conjuring trick you could hope to see. One minute there was not a black face to be seen at the Oval, save on the pitch. The next, 500 Brits of Caribbean descent materialised in the stands, all of them exuberantly and wholeheartedly cheering Norman Tebbit's cricket test.

How is this magic worked? It is a process at which the West Indies cricket team is the complete master. No other side in the history of the game has managed the same thing so often and so gloriously. It is the Great West Indian Wave: the Caribbean mastery of the domino effect; the ability to surf on a wave of destruction.

Once the thin end of the wedge has been inserted, time and again West Indies whack it home with a succession of shattering blows, until the opposition is split asunder.

There were times yesterday morning and early afternoon, when the game seemed almost to be drifting; the West Indian bowlers seemed — well, not innocuous but a long way from dominant. The game meandered on, in its tough, serious way, the fast bowlers switched every hour as they have for decades.

Then there was a hairline

SIMON BARNES

crack in the England side, and, in 19 hair-raising minutes of high-octane emotion, the game changed. Morris was clobbered on the helmet, and then faced the most ruthless examination sport can produce.

Three wickets fell in rapid succession. It was one of the classic high-adrenalin bursts that has become the keynote of West Indian cricket. Wickets seem never to fall as single spates, always in battalions.

No matter where the game takes place, the Wave affects everyone in the ground. England supporters watched in horrified fascination, unable to tear their eyes away. West Indian supporters roared in ever-mounting delight. The fielders are carried along by the Wave and rise to extreme pitches of brilliance at catching and appealing. The bowlers up their intensity with every ball, and every clattering wicket is greeted with dances and high tens and glorious salutations — something other sides imitate but can never match.

The Wave affects the batsman. If every one in the opposing side is expecting a wicket every ball, how can he be immune? Fear of

failure and fear of injury rise, intermingled and inextricable. Barring in the midst of it all must be the loneliest job in sport. You cannot seek comfort from your partner, for he is probably feeling even worse than you.

The Wave certainly affects the umpires as well. When the game is raised to such a phenomenally high pitch, no one human can be immune. The umpires are surrounded by a sea of emotion, an expectation — a certainty — that a wicket will fall in every over bowled. Only the best umpires can keep their decisions cool under such emotional pressure.

In this series, England have managed to offer some limited resistance to the West Indian Wave. Yesterday, Smith and Ramprakash stuck their fingers in the dyke and held the tide back, for a long while, at three wickets.

No England innings has been quite without its hero this year: every burning deck has had its Pringle, DeFreitas or Lewis. There has been no defeatism. There has been honour and courage in every match, including the two defeats. Perhaps this is Gooch's greatest achievement of the summer.



Time and tide: Gooch swings at a lifter from Marshall before being submerged in a sudden swell of intensity

Predators see their chance as leaders slip up again

By IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (final day of three): Surrey (22pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by 67 runs

FOR Warwickshire, this week has been a chastening time. Thrashed first by Worcestershire, their cricket in this match was about as inadequate as their own pitch. Asked to make 235 in 56 overs, they were unable to see out the day. In both innings they scored 167, hardly batting which wins championships.

Warwickshire do have a 50-point lead at the top of the table, but there are predators in wait. Surrey, joint second with Nottinghamshire, have two matches in hand and, for as long as Waqar Younis stays free of injury, have every chance of winning them. He took four more wickets yesterday, had figures of nine for 97 in the match, and was ably supported by Feltham and Martin

Bicknell.

At least Warwickshire should have Donald back today at Northampton after a back injury. What they need most of all, though, are runs and a better pitch on which to make them. Only Miles stayed in for any length of time before he played round a ball of full length from Feltham for the second time in the match.

For the rest, lapses in concentration were not totally to blame. Corder, for example, was singularly unfortunate in slipping on the turn when sent back by Reeve.

Warwickshire also had to contend with Waqar, the one bowler who has been more devastating this summer than Donald. He was too quick for Ratcliffe and although Miles and Lloyd saw him off, he came back for a second spell that was quicker still. Piper was taken at

second ship and Small and Muntion had their stumps wrecked.

Otherwise, Lloyd shuffled into a straight ball from Bicknell and there were two more wickets for Feltham, who had Reeve caught at the wicket and bowled Asif Din, whose hoick was a wild as they come. Feltham's seven wickets and 83 runs without being out in a low scoring contest was match-winning stuff.

So, too, was Darren Bicknell's unbeaten 75 with 10 fours and a violent half century by Greig, who crashed 10 fours off 57 balls. When he was out, it was to the first over of spin in the match. His declaration came shortly afterwards and ultimately was proved to be well timed. There were 4.5 overs remaining when Warwickshire's resistance, such as it was, was spent.

The road back for Malcolm

ENGLAND'S selectors have given some strong hints regarding their winter touring party with a 13-man A team squad for two one-day matches against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford next week (Alan Lee writes).

Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire all-rounder, and Steve Marsh, Kent's wicketkeeper-batsman, are significant inclusions in a party designed with the World Cup in mind. Three recent Test players, Hick, Malcolm and Illingworth, are also reintroduced.

The side will be captained not by Neil Fairbrother, as was widely predicted, but by Martyn Moxon of Yorkshire.

ENGLAND A: M D Moxon (Yorkshire), captain, G A Hick (Worcestershire), T R Ward (Kent), R Fairbrother (Lancashire), N Hussain (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), M Watkinson (Lancashire), S Marsh (Kent), R A Pielke (Nottinghamshire), R A Pielke (Nottinghamshire), D G Cork (Derbyshire), P M Smith (Essex), D E Moxon (Yorkshire).

Derbyshire deal a blow to Essex's title pretensions

By JACK BAILEY

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire (21pts) beat Essex (4) by 199 runs

VICTORIES do not come fairer or sweeter than this. Derbyshire's first win over Essex since 1967 was so resounding that the match was finished before tea, only a praiseworthy few of Essex's batsmen putting up more than token resistance.

Malcolm, bowling first but wildly, accounted for four wickets as considerable expense was made good use of a fair but still lively pitch during his first bowl of the game; young Cork took two more valuable wickets to give him a match analysis of ten for 78. Derbyshire left the field trailing on air.

They had every right. Twenty-four years is a long time to wait, but that was not all. Even more satisfying for them was the comprehensive nature of their

win and the all-round competence they displayed. They looked a team that believed in themselves whereas Essex emphatically did not. From Barnett, their captain, to Cork, the hero of the hour, they showed an infectious determination.

It would be nice to think that Cork will be allowed to develop naturally. As long as Barnett is left to guide him carefully he could well be knocking on England's door before too many seasons have passed.

It was Cork who set Essex on the slide after Barnett had declared and left them to make 375 to win at just under four runs an over. Seymour was the victim of clever captaincy and good bowling when, for the second time in the match, he was caught by Barnett at silly mid-off. Seymour's tendency to thrust forward in front of his

pad had been noted.

This was not a mortal blow, but the removal of Pritchard and Malik to good catches by O'Connor, at third slip and square leg respectively, when both had settled, were crucial to Derbyshire's cause. Stephenson's concern, and that of the referees committee, would be to protect those players who make genuine moves to other clubs for such reasons as job relocation. "But you could do this in all sorts of ways, and I can see the pressure for changes in this area," Wood said.

"It is very unpleasant and a very unattractive situation to have certain individuals being allowed by their club committees to go out and get their better players."

Wood promises to make a substantial fuss about the affairs to those clubs involved in the case. Meanwhile, Jimmy Gooch, the England centre, has scotched rumours that he will miss that entire season at club level and could be about to turn professional. Gooch has been astonished that a simple remark about seeking a short break at the conclusion of the World Cup has become the basis for reports that he will shortly join a rugby league club.

Gooch said yesterday: "I want a break after the World Cup, but being realistic the longest it could be is a few weeks. I want to continue playing for England in the five nations' championship starting in January and Geoff Cook would not select someone who had not played for three months."

A short break from rugby may be as short as one week.

Fledgling revels in a dusty pitch

By RICHARD STREETON

LYTHAM ST ANNES (final day of three): Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Lancashire (2) by 53 runs

SDX wickets for Andy Roberts, the fledgling leg-spin bowler, brought Northamptonshire only their second win this season yesterday and inflicted a setback to Lancashire's championship aspirations. A below-strength Lancashire side, set 351 to win in what proved to be a sustained, found it too much on a dusty, turning pitch.

Apart from a third-wicket stand between Lloyd and Fairbrother, the main Lancashire batsmen never threatened to mount a sustained challenge. The match, though, was unexpectedly taken into the final hour with late resistance by Fitton and Hegg. Fitton, an off-spinner who bats left-handed and was playing his first championship game this season, struck the ball cleanly as he made a career-best 60 at No. 8.

Northamptonshire's previous win this year came against Worcestershire on July 27 and owed everything to their batsmen in a run chase. This time they looked to their slow bowlers. Cook, the left-arm spinner, tended to lack control but bowled better than his figures suggest. It was Roberts, however, with constant variations of pace, turn and trajectory,

who provided Lancashire with insoluble problems.

Roberts has only a handful of first team games behind him, but finished with six for 72 from 23.3 overs. He had taken only seven wickets in eight previous matches this year, with best figures of four for 63 against Gloucestershire at Luton. Built on Tich Freeman lines, Roberts approaches the wicket with a semi-circular run-up and at different times bowled both round and over the wicket.

By lunch Lancashire's chances were already in the melting pot with Mendis and Fowler gone. The day had begun with some acceptable manoeuvring as Lancashire continued their first innings for a further ten minutes before they declared and Cook's batting position forfeited their second innings.

Fairbrother and Lloyd reignited Lancashire hopes as they added a watchful 94 in 25 overs. Fairbrother was caught behind when he tried to cut a too close to his body and Roberts followed with three quick wickets as tea approached. Fitton declined caution and hit a six and eight fours as he reached his fifty from 41 balls. Lancashire needed 83 when the last twenty overs began, but Fitton was immediately caught at silly point and the end soon came.

Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire (21pts) beat Essex (4) by 199 runs

Second Innings
T J Barnett to Stephenson 31
D J Bower to Stephenson 28
J E Morris to Salford 28
J O Gorman to Pritchard 28
S G Golden to Stephenson 28
S J Baser to Hussain 28
C J Adams to Gorman 28
T M Moxon to Greig 28
Extr (4, 10, 2, 4, 13) 28
Total (7 wickets) 28

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-103, 3-203, 4-222, 5-275, 6-301, 7-318.
BOWLING: Morris 5-1-41-0; Andrews 17-2-71-3; Taylor 14-0-55-0; Cook 17-2-46-0; Stephenson 23-2-83-3.

Essex: First Innings 184 (D G Cook 85 for 58)
A C Seymour to Barnett 30
J P Stephenson to Krikorian 30
S J Baser to Gorman 30
S G Golden to Stephenson 30
N V Knight to Gorman 30
T M Moxon to Greig 30
Extr (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) 30
Total 175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16, 3-34, 4-41, 5-52, 6-118, 7-154, 8-154.
BOWLING: Morris 10-3-31-0; Cook 8-2-45-2; Baser 14-3-34-3; Malcolm 14-1-14-4; Umpires: R A White and P B Wilt.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-38, 3-98, 4-111, 5-121, 6-134, 7-147, 8-193, 9-212.
BOWLING: Stephenson 16-3-55-3; Pielke 17-2-50-0; Smith 17-2-50-0; Hegg 17-2-50-0; Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Palmer.

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LEICESTER (final day of three): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Yorkshire (2) by 100 runs

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J E Morris to Salford 28
J O Gorman to Pritchard 28
S G Golden to Stephenson 28
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Byas stays firm for the draw

By GEOFFREY WHITLER

LEICESTERSHIRE were preparing to celebrate their first championship victory of the season yesterday when a late, spiralling new-ball burst by David Mills left Yorkshire reeling at 53 for six in their pursuit of 313.

Mills had taken all six wickets at a personal cost of 20 runs and, with only Byas left of the specialists batsmen, Yorkshire appeared doomed. But Byas, slowly the match from Leicestershire's grasp with the assistance of Carrick, who made 61, of a seventh wicket partnership of 155. Byas, who reached his century in 262 minutes, was 122 not out at the end when Yorkshire were 234 for eight.

Harvey Trump, the young Somerset off-spinner, improved his career-best figures for the second time in a week. Worcestershire clung on for a draw at Weston-super-Mare. Hick and Moody both fell to stumps for Neil Burns as Trump and Greavesy lace to batsmen to destruction, Worcestershire finishing at 232 for nine.

Sussex, forced to follow on by Nottinghamshire at Eastbourne, held out for a draw without too many problems. Alan Wells scoring 73, while Kent's hopes of beating Hampshire at Canterbury were thwarted by Aymes and Maru, partners in an unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 65.

Australia won the second under-19 one-day international at Trent Bridge by five wickets, needing only 46 overs to pass England's all-out total of 183.

Cliff Anderson, the England and Middlesex bowler, was able to watch play at the Oval yesterday despite being involved in a head-on car crash on Wednesday evening.

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RUGBY UNION RFU will act over inter-club moves

By PETER BILLS

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU), expressing its horror yesterday at the growing number of clubs revealing illegal approaches for their players, is to take action over the practice, in an effort to stop a trend it sees as a serious threat.

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, speaking in the light of reports in *The Times* from Leicester and Walsley about the dubious activities of some officials from certain clubs, said: "Let there be no mistake, the truth will out. We are going to have to act before my first reaction is horror that such things are happening. We must stop these people ruining the game, because it will ruin rugby if it is allowed to continue."

Wood appealed to clubs and officials involved to divulge the information investigating officers will require in order to stamp out the practice. He was optimistic that action will succeed.

"We will be in touch with the two clubs whose coaches have spoken out," he said. "But we have to get people to give information about these activities. Peter Yarnham, this season's president of the RFU, said last season to clubs offering illegal incentives: 'Beware, the rugby union will act.'"

"We won't leave this alone because people are reacting against it. I think they will be prepared to speak out. We know it is going on for people are saying silly over the league competition. Usually it is those outside the game who have not been brought up in rugby seeking power by buying players."

Wood also admitted that any change in the regulations concerning player movement would not be considered. He pointed out that there have been changes in the rules concerning league rugby every season since the inception of the competition, and this would continue to be the case.

His concern, and that of the referees committee, would be to protect those players who make genuine moves to other clubs for such reasons as job relocation. "But you could do this in all sorts of ways, and I can see the pressure for changes in this area," Wood said.

"It is very unpleasant and a very unattractive situation to have certain individuals being allowed by their club committees to go out and get their better players."

Wood promises to make a substantial fuss about the affairs to those clubs involved in the case. Meanwhile, Jimmy Gooch, the England centre, has scotched rumours that he will miss that entire season at club level and could be about to turn professional. Gooch has been astonished that a simple remark about seeking a short break at the conclusion of the World Cup has become the basis for reports that he will shortly join a rugby league club.

Gooch said yesterday: "I want a break after the World Cup, but being realistic the longest it could be is a few weeks. I want to continue playing for England in the five nations' championship starting in January and Geoff Cook would not select someone who had not played for three months."

A short break from rugby may be as short as one week.

PAN-AMERICAN

GAMES

Fists fly as a baseball match erupts

HAVANA (Reuters) — Canada and Mexico's baseball coaches were both taken to hospital here yesterday after players engaged in a wild brawl during an important qualifying match.

The fight, which went on for several minutes, forced the American umpire, Dan With Mexico leading 5-4 at the top of the sixth inning.

The Canadian assistant coach John Upham, and the Mexican coach, Antonio Pollorena, were both carried from the field on stretchers and rushed to hospital. Upham was treated for a suspected heart attack and Pollorena for facial injuries.

The fight erupted after a clash between Alberto Vargas, the first Mexican bat, and the Canadian catcher, Alex Andropoulos.

Players, coaches and officials from both teams rushed from their dug-outs to join in the melee which was the climax of an intense game as both teams fought to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the Barcelona Olympics.

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English batsmen respond to a test of purgatory

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (first day of five; England won 105) England have scored 211 for four wickets against West Indies

ENGLAND emerged unbowled, if not unscathed, from as daunting a day as they have faced all summer. Despite sustaining casualties in a fraught middle session, they retain as good a chance of winning this fifth and final Cornhill Test match as they had when it began, and that is quite something.

The pitch offered the West Indian fast bowlers the pace and bounce they crave and they exploited it to excess. Their performance in dawdling through 23 overs during the two hours between lunch and tea was cynical, even allowing for two injury breaks. It allowed Curly Ambrose to bowl through it unchanged before he shamelessly retired for a 55-minute rest.

The short ball was so overdone, both by Ambrose and Walsh and without noticeable comment from the umpires, that there were precious few balls which could be scored from. When three wickets were lost for eight runs this Test seemed destined to follow the snowballing England decline of so many before.

That it has not, so far, done so, is an eloquent tribute to Robin Smith, playing here with a flaked right index finger but batting with the courage, commitment and skill with which he has invariably confronted these opponents. His previous first-innings scores in this rollercoaster series were 54, 148 not out and 64 not out; yesterday he added an unbeaten 54 in three-and-a-half hours and England's prospects of making sufficient runs to win depend heavily on him doubling that today.

For England, this opening day was a case of a sandwich made with tasty bread but a wholly unpalatable filling. Gooch and Morris shared 112 for the first wicket, the biggest opening stand by either side in the series. Smith later added

68 with Ramprakash and 43 with Stewart. Between times, came two hours of purgatory. Morris and Ramprakash were both hit by Ambrose during a spell which brought him two for 15 in 11 overs. There were times when he employed the bouncer three times or more in an over and the pace of the game eventually became so unacceptably slow that, after tea, the umpires, Kitchen and Holder, called Richards across, presumably to instruct him to speed things up.

His response was to employ his token spin bowler, Hooper, for the last 15 overs from the pavilion end, a spell in which he took the wicket of Ramprakash and spun the ball enough to encourage Philip Tufnell. Even so, it took West Indies until 6.40pm to complete the 90-overs quota and, tense though the cricket had been, the crowd became restless enough to begin the wretched Mexican Wave.

It was, of course, a capacity crowd, the demand being such that the streets outside the Oval were lined with tents. Surrey's efforts to make West Indies feel at home extended to a steel band in the courtyard and chicken-and-ribs stalls among the food counters. Gooch was not so keen to make them welcome and, as ever, his contribution was monumental.

He cannot have chosen to bat without some repudiation, for the pitch was a patchwork of grassy clumps and bare spots. I have seldom seen so much suspicious prodding of the surface during the first half-hour of a Test and, inevitably, the deliveries which hit the greener patches took off, some alarmingly. But if England were to win, with the side they have chosen, they had to bite the bullet.

England's previous three opening stands produced four, six and two. This one negotiated some stormy waters, Morris being missed at gully, when only six, and Gooch more than once eluding close

catchers by only an agonising margin. But both were stoically in line with everything, taking some bruises for their bravery, and when they did find gaps they ran tigerishly.

Morris did wonderfully well for one whose confidence must have been shredded by four consecutive failures against the West Indians and, when he was allowed on to the front foot, he drove resoundingly. He had made 44 when Ambrose caught him a fearful blow on the right of his jaw and followed up with another savage bouncer. He survived both but, next over, gloved a catch to short leg.

Atherton was out fourth ball, to the sort of unplayable delivery he seems to attract. He retreated forlornly, his record now a mortifying six single-figure scores in the series. Perhaps, for his own good, he ought not to have been picked here.

Three overs later Gooch was adjudged leg-before to Ambrose. It was on line to hit leg stump but might have been high. Gooch left reluctantly, but his aggregate for this series is now 431 at an average of 65 and his position at the head of the Deloitte's world ratings may not be far from the truth.

Ramprakash has not failed to survive an hour in any of his Tests but nor has he escaped from the twenties. He was not to break the sequence. Hooper having him taken at short leg after he had offered some quality driving. Smith, battering himself after every ball, battled vividly through to the close with Stewart, who ignored some verbal jousting from Ambrose.

Botham would not have come in had another wicket fallen. He had been sick yesterday morning, with the virus which discounted Pringle from selection, and spent much of the day on the dressing-room couch. Plainly a case of new boy's nerves which, hopefully, he will be over this morning.

Warwickshire loss, page 34



Taking the blow: Morris reels after being struck by Ambrose at the Oval yesterday

Rising above the law's fine line

By JOHN WOODCOCK

move on; the brutality, so far as one could see, they ignored. It was only to be expected that Morris should come under special fire. It was right and proper that his nerve and mettle should be thoroughly tested, so long as the way in which it was done came within acceptable limits, and by lunchtime Gooch knew he had found a kindred spirit. Twice, early on, Morris ran the first run to long leg as though determined, if there was half a chance, to come back for two, and there is little enough of that in English cricket. He got resolutely into line and, after Ambrose had split his helmet with a ball that flew at him from not far short of a length, he came back for more. In his years playing club rugby in Wales — as a youth he kept Paul Thorburn out of the Welsh Students side — the fiercest of finals would not have been like this.

Although a less shameless play than the coloured clothing, white ball and black sightcreens which the Test and County Cricket Board are to introduce for the Sunday league, the electronic screen being used for this Test match is also, of course, a gimmick. In Australia, where the first one was installed, at Melbourne in 1982, such video screens have proved a mixed blessing. They are unattractive and expensive, but a potentially rich source of advertising revenue. Australian umpires have come to hate them, almost every decision they make being scrutinised and rescrutinised by the field-

ing side, the spectators and, very often, by the departing batsman. They are, at one and the same time, a trap and a diversion.

When slow-motion replays first appeared, during the Wimbledon tennis championships, it was considered fairer on the umpires and line judges not to repeat disputed calls. But soon they were being shown over and over again. Similarly, much less care is taken in Australia now.

There could well be trouble one day when a match is seen to be decided, by, for example, an incorrect run-out decision, shown to a full house on a large screen. Had Frank Chester or any of the best umpires of days gone by been subjected to what has sometimes been called trial by television, I have no doubt they would have been found to be just as fallible as their counterparts today. At the Oval yesterday, nothing was shown, I think, to embarrass Messrs Holder and Kitchen, but it will require constant vigilance to see that that is always so.

Walsh: fired short

Caribbean wave, page 34

Woosnam sets pace of a British charge

From MITCHELL PLATT'S GOLF CORRESPONDENT INDIANAPOLIS

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Yds	Par
1	343	4	10	4
2	432	4	11	3
3	198	3	12	3
4	457	3	13	3
5	500	3	14	4
6	185	3	15	4
7	441	4	16	4
8	438	4	17	2
9	525	4	18	4
Out 3,627		36	In 3,682	36
Total yardage 7,209		Par 72		

IAN WOOSNAM made an aggressive start to the 73rd US PGA Championship with a first round of 67, five under par, on the Crooked Stick course here yesterday. It was exactly what the Masters champion required to extinguish any thoughts of being unable to capture his best form in this championship.

In 1986 he began with an 86 and twelve months later the Welshman laboured to scores of 78 and 79. Indeed, Woosnam threatened that unless he liked the course, he would refuse all future invitations to compete in this championship.

Yet he put such thoughts to the back of his mind as he stylishly overcame the challenge of a course whose menacing reputation was effectively stifled by a bout of low scoring, with the American, Kenny Knox, also scoring 67 to share the early lead with Woosnam.

Woosnam was not the only British player to excel, as Sandy Lyle, with a flawless outward half of 34, launched with some determination his promised attempt to bring to an abrupt halt his barren run of three years.

What is more David Feherty made an impressive start to his first US PGA Championship and Steven Richardson showed commendable resilience following an indifferent start to claw his way back into contention.

Woosnam, who completed his round before Nick Faldo and Severiano Ballestrero teed off, made a wonderful start when, at the 1st, an innocuous hole compared with the 17 that follow, he hit a wedge to within two feet of the cup for a tap-in birdie. He drove into a fairway bunker at the 2nd but escaped with a par, although at the 3rd he could not recover after an errant drive.

Then, with a spring in his step, Woosnam transformed his round as he began to strike the ball with the crispness that has made him one of the most magnetic players on the fairways.

At both the 8th and 11th holes, he hit approaches to four feet. He has, in recent weeks, been concerned about his touch on the greens, although by coaxing both of those putts home he appeared to recover his confidence. For

he followed a putt of 20 feet for a birdie at the 13th with one of 12 feet for another at the next. Then he sank a putt of 15 feet for another birdie at the 16th where officials used a wind-blowing machine to clear the putting surface of fallen leaves.

Woosnam set himself a difficult task at the 17th, where he pulled his tee shot into a cavernous bunker. But he splashed the ball out to within nine feet of the cup from where he holed.

At the 18th, he came within a whisker of holing his 7th successive single putt, when from 35 feet he narrowly missed another birdie.

Feherty and Richardson were paired together alongside Mark Calcavecchia, the 1989 Open champion. Feherty pulled his opening tee shot, but made his par. Out in 37, he made three birdies in the first four holes from the turn at Richardson, also out in 37, repaired with some style the damage caused by a six at the 9th.

Richardson had a birdie at the 11th and two more at the 14th and 15th, after dropping a shot at the 13th.

It was wonderful to see Lyle enjoying life again on the fairways. Birdies at the 2nd and 3rd provided him with the perfect start and, out in 34, he stayed on course for a good score with four successive pars from the turn.

Woosnam said: "If I continue to drive the ball well, I have every chance of winning the title. If I don't hit it well off the tee then I could be shooting 80s out there."

□ The Daijiku Women's World Championship of Golf will be held at the Paradise Palms course in north Queensland from October 4-6, officials announced yesterday. It will be only the second occasion that the tournament has been held outside the United States. The event will feature an invited field of 16 of the world's leading women golfers, including the winners of the five top events on the United States LPGA tour and the Canadian Open.

Nancarrow fined and given a suspension

TRISTAN Nancarrow, of Australia, and Austin Adarraga, from Spain, have received \$850 (£500) fines and bans from the players' association for their behaviour while being beaten in the world open squash championships in Adelaide last week.

Nancarrow, who argued with the referee and smashed his racket against the side of the court after losing to a compatriot, Anthony Hill,

starts a three-month ban from September 8. Adarraga's one-month suspension, effective from the same date, is for "aggravated behaviour" during his defeat by Ross Norman.

Ironically, both players met in the Australian Open yesterday, Nancarrow winning in four games. He now meets Jahangir Khan, a member of the committee which handed out the ban.

When an athlete is not the agent of his destiny

Roger Black, Britain's European 400 metres champion, writes on a blot in his build-up to the world athletics championships in Tokyo



TONIGHT I will run my last 400 metres race before the world championships in Tokyo. It will be especially pleasing to do this in front of a British crowd in Gateshead. The setting may not be quite as glamorous as Monaco or Zurich, but I am certain the weather will not dampen the enthusiasm of the always-appreciative Tyneside crowd.

The highlight of the meeting should be Michael Johnson's attempt at the world 300 metres record. It is a distance rarely run, but one that is tailor-made for him: he is a great talent at 200 and 400 metres; at 300 metres, he should be phenomenal.

The grand prix circuit in athletics has become highly competitive. However, the most ruthless competitors are not the athletes, but the meeting promoters and

organisers. They can be found mingling around hotel lobbies, negotiating with athletes and agents to secure deals. To have the best may cost a little more, but the meeting will look a lot better, especially to sponsors and television companies.

A month ago, Kris Akabusi and myself agreed to run at the Weltklasse in Zurich, and we incorporated it into our preparations for the world championships. Zurich is probably the most prestigious meeting of the year outside the major championships; it has a reputation for fast times, and it is often regarded as an honour to be invited to run there. When world rankings are decided, the adjudicators always look first at how an athlete performed in Zurich, and thus it directly affects an athlete's price tag.

But neither Kris nor I were permitted to run in Zurich on Wednesday. I am led to believe that this was because of a dispute between the promoter and my agent over the participation of the Kenyan 10,000 metres runner, Richard Chimoio. Why this should result in our exclusion, or any other athlete represented by the same agent, I find hard to comprehend.

There is little point crying over spilt milk, but it has left a sour taste, especially as an innocent bystander caught up in a political disagreement.

By contrast, two days earlier, the organisers at Malmö had been only too pleased to offer me, as European champion, a fast lane at the last minute. I ran my fastest time of the year (44.71sec) and beat some of my main rivals, so, it turned out, I have not suffered too great an athletic loss. Spare a thought for the others not so privileged.

To put the blame solely on the promoter would be unfair and naive — problems such as this arise because official contracts between athletes and meetings do not exist. We athletes are often a fickle lot and reserve the right to pull out of races or change events at the last minute. This is hardly fair when a meeting's revenue depends on our participation.

The day when contracts have to be honoured by both parties must soon come. If not, then the system will always be open for abuse.

How encouraging it is to see that the British women are emerging as our best hopes for gold medals in Tokyo. Sally Gunnell, Liz McColgan and Yvonne Murray are leading the world in their respective events and must be an inspiration for many women, who tend to get treated as second-class citizens by the sport.

Sally has been particularly outstanding — two British records in the space of a week

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